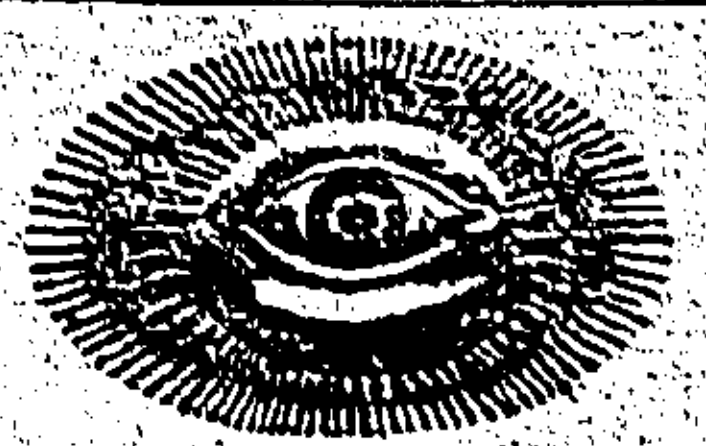


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Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.20	12.00	1.15	2.25	4.35	5.25	7.21
Yamat ...Dep.	6.50	8.15	8.40	9.25	10.30	12.10	1.25	2.35	4.45	5.35	7.31
Shatin ...Dep.	7.05	8.30	8.55	9.40	10.45	12.25	1.40	2.50	5.00	5.50	7.46
Taipei ...Dep.	7.15	8.40	9.05	9.50	10.55	12.35	1.50	3.00	5.10	6.00	7.56
TaipeiMarket Dep.	7.21	8.46	9.11	9.56	11.01	12.41	1.56	3.06	5.16	6.06	8.02
Fanning ...Dep.	7.23	8.48	9.13	9.58	11.03	12.43	1.58	3.08	5.18	6.08	8.04
Shenzhen ...Dep.	7.26	8.51	9.16	10.01	11.06	12.46	2.01	3.11	5.21	6.11	8.07
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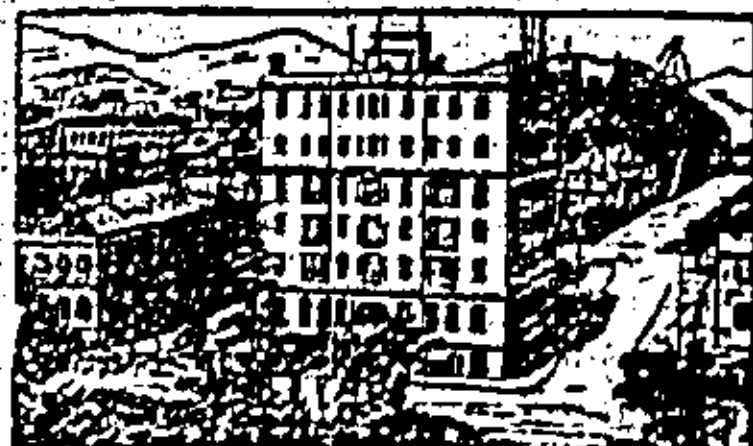
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HOME INTEREST IN CHINA.

QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

China and the League.

December 8th.—Mr. G. Lockyer-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs (Wood Green), replying to Colonel Woodcock (Egmont, U.), who asked if China, Peru, and Bolivia had now paid their arrears of contributions due to the League of Nations, replied in the negative. So far as he was aware, he said, no definite scheme for payment had yet been put forward by any of the countries named. A part of the Chinese contribution in respect of 1923 was paid, but nothing had been received in respect of the years 1923, 1924, and 1925; a payment on account of the Chinese contribution for 1926 had been received. The last payments by Peru and Bolivia were in 1920 and 1923 respectively, and no further payments had since been made by those countries.

Sir F. Wise (Ilford, U.) asked if those countries would lose their votes if they did not make their annual payments. Mr. Lockyer-Lampson replied that the whole question was now being considered.

The Chinese Loans.

Mr. Lockyer-Lampson informed Mr. W. F. Mitchell (Saffron Walden, U.) that the outstanding amount of that portion of the three Chinese Government loans secured on the revenues of the Maritime Customs which was floated on the London market was about £14,500,000. The total British holdings in all such loans of whatever issue were impossible to determine, but might perhaps be estimated at £20,000,000. Under present conditions there was no other source from which payment could be made except the Customs revenues. His Majesty's Government had every desire to see the maintenance intact of the Maritime Customs administration, whose excellent services to the Chinese nation as a whole they believed were fully appreciated in that country.

The Chinese Customs.

Mr. Lockyer-Lampson, replying to Mr. Mitchell, who asked if the Powers signatory of the Washington Convention had recently discussed the maintenance of the existing Maritime Customs system in China, said that no such discussions as were indicated had taken place. He could only say that his Majesty's Government hoped that the Chinese authorities would find the Customs administration as useful to them in the future as it had been in the past.

Naval Forces in China.

Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty (Oswestry), replying to Rear-Admiral Suter (Hertford, U.), said:—The China Squadron was based on Hong Kong, where there were ample facilities for docking H.M. ships. He also stated that the six resources at the disposal of the British naval Commander-in-Chief on the China station were considered adequate.

No Intervention.

December 8th.—Sir F. Hall (Dulwich, U.) asked the Prime Minister if he would state whether the proposition by the British Minister to China that there could be no question of intervention by Great Britain in the internal affairs of China was made up of the instructions of the Government.

Mr. G. Lockyer-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, who replied, said H.M. Government had no intention of interfering with the domestic concerns of China. Sir F. Hall asked whether adequate steps would be taken to protect the lives of British people, and also for the maintenance of our trade in China.

Mr. Lockyer-Lampson: My right hon. friend (Sir A. Chamberlain) has made it quite clear that we shall take all possible steps to safeguard the lives and rights of British subjects. Captain W. Benn: Does the Government share in the opinion of Lord Inchcape that the root of the trouble is the spread of Christianity? (Laughter.)

No answer was given.

CORRUPT AMERICAN POLITICS.

Dr. Rattray, speaking at a largely attended meeting of the Leicester Branch of the League of Nations' Union, said that there was a considerable ignorance regarding the United States.

It was regarded as being democratic, yet the extent to which actual political corruption had spread was terrible.

Speaking of the League of Nations, Dr. Rattray said that he believed that the representatives of the various countries on the Council of the League at present were even better than we deserved.

SIR CHARLES HARRINGTON ON CHINA.

COMPARISON WITH TURKEY.

NEED FOR OUR NAVY AND ARMY.

General Sir Charles Harrington, speaking at the Ginnerack dinner at York on December 2nd, said that some people would do away with the Army and disarm it altogether. To be logical, such people ought to leave their front doors open and their valuables in the world that night who would not disarm or do away with the Army, and they were the British people in China. He had known what it was to see British people in danger of their lives, and he knew what we owed to those people who carried our trade to the other end of the world; such people were entitled to protection. (Cheers.) He had known people who had been in a similar situation to the British in China, for there was a time in Turkey when the same thing happened.

What Happened in Turkey.

Sir Charles then continued:—We had sent all the wives away, and British traders were in danger of their lives in a very difficult situation. I had the humble duty there to issue a certain ultimatum to the Turks by sending for the Secretary of State for War and the head of the police and telling them that unless orders were obeyed they would be sent to prison: Admiral de Robeck, who was in command of the British Fleet, told me that if anything happened I was to signal the message "Welcome to all," and see what happened. I was not going to miss a chance like that, and so we signalled the message.

Within an hour the British Fleet, headed by the Admiral, arrived with five battleships, 23 destroyers and six cruisers, turned round and anchored in the Bosphorus. I think that was a great stroke, and it was a great stroke to the British community in Turkey, and if we could do the same thing in China we should not be as anxious as are our British friends there today. He looked upon the "service" as being equally for peace as for carrying on war.

THE VEILED WOMAN.

LONDON POLICE COURT TRAGICOMEDY.

A feature of the *Daily Mail* for a long time now has been Mr. R. E. Corder's humorous yet touchingly sympathetic pictures of the London Police Courts. The following is a typical example of his treatment of what would make in most journalists hands a formal, uninteresting paragraph:—

Tall, Dark, Slender.

"Always I have known her as the veiled woman, a tall, dark, slender, middle-aged woman dressed in black with roses in her hat. Many times I have seen her in the dock at West London Police Court wearing a veil and a look of remorse, and I came to regard her as a woman of mystery endowed with an infinite capacity for taking drink."

Towards the end of October the magistrate, finding that fines did no good, ordered her to find a surety for her good behaviour or go to prison for two months. She came out of prison on one Wednesday, and next day she was back again in the dock, tall, dark, slender, and veiled, with roses in her hat and remorse in her voice. She had gone straight from the prison to the public-house, and the got drunk in something like record time.

A Walking-on Part.

Clara Chaplin is the name of the veiled woman and the now calls herself a cinema actress. She certainly has a walking-on part in the West London Police Court.

Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins, the magistrate, shook his head sadly over the case of Clara Chaplin. "You are heading straight for a home for habitual drunkards," he said sternly.

"I didn't take very much this time," pleaded the veiled woman. Responding to the spirit of Christmas, the magistrate decided to be more than merciful and permitted Clara of the cinema to walk off with a half-grown fine. The greater marked her exit with a "To-be-continued-in-our-next" expression.

Socialist members of Bristol Council recently walked out of the chamber when a Conservative was appointed an alderman in place of the late Mr. Whitfield, Socialist.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

Cricket: Kowloon C.C. v. H.M.S. Hermes, K.C.C. ground 3 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Lantern Lecture on "India," St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 6 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Take it from Me."
World Theatre: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."
Star Theatre: "Refuge."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Canton).

Friday.

St. Paul's Girls' College Bazaar, 1st floor, China Building, 4 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Annual Meeting St. David's Society, Hong Kong (Cyndiehas Dewi Sant), Mr. D. J. Lewis' office (Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master), Prince's Building, 5.30 p.m.
Musical evening St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, 8.30 p.m.
Dockyard Ladies' Club, fancy dress carnival dance, for M.C.L. Funds, Hotel Savoy, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Take it from Me."
World Theatre: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."
Star Theatre: "Refuge."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., and London via Canada (Empress of Russia); U.S.A., Canada, etc., and Europe via Siberia (President Madison); Europe via Negapatam (Talmaba).

Saturday.

Ladies' Recreation Club "At Home," 3 p.m.
St. Paul's Girls' College Bazaar, 1st floor, China Building.
Fishing Hunt meet, Hunters' Arms, 3 p.m.
Rowing: Hong Fours Race (Challenge Cup presented by Mr. E. B. C. Hornell).
Yachting: 8th Championship race.
Golf: Bogey Pool.
Cricket and Football: Details in Saturday's issue.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Take it from Me."
World Theatre: "The Hunchback of Notre Dame."
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Principal Mails:—Outward: Canada, U.S.A., etc., Europe via San Francisco and via Siberia (President Cleveland), 5 p.m.; Europe via Marseilles (Suez Mail), 9.30 a.m.; Australia and New Zealand, etc. (Taiping), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

Point to Point race, Fanning (Mounted Infantry Co., H.V.D.C.).
Golf: Bogey Pool.
Yachting: 4th Championship race (Cruisers).
Queen's Theatre: "The Big Parade."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers only (Hong Kong).
Monday.
St. Paul's Girls' College Bazaar, 1st floor, China Building.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Lecture: "Are we going West," by Mr. A. H. Crook at Helens May Institute, 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Big Parade."

Tuesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Angere), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (24th Mail), 9.30 a.m.

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the *Daily Press* for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

There has been a decrease each year since 1923 in the number of deacons ordained, according to the new edition of "The Official Year Book of the Church of England" (Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge), the number in the year ended October last being 303, compared with 371 in 1925 and 430 in 1924.

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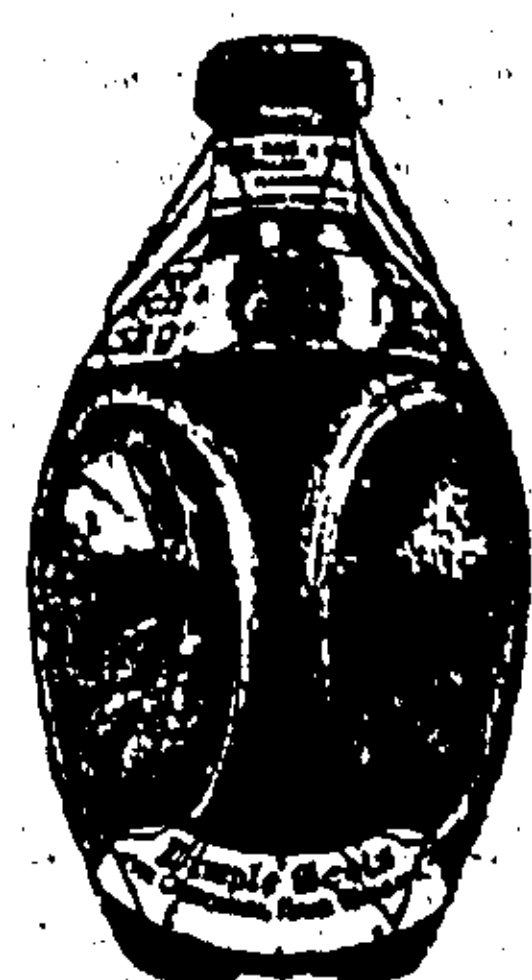
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MRS. CHRISTIE'S DISAPPEARANCE.

GENUINE LOSS OF MEMORY.

HUSBAND'S APPEAL TO THE PRESS.

A London contemporary to hand dealing with the "mystery" surrounding Mrs. Agatha Christie, the writer of sensational mystery stories, who disappeared from her home, Styles, Sunningdale, Berkshire, for twelve days, being found at the Harrogate Hydropathic, states that a medical report issued soon after she was discovered, declares that Mrs. Christie was suffering from a "genuine loss of memory."

"She Does Not Know She Has a Daughter."

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This statement, signed by Dr. Donald Elms Gore, lecturer in neurology, Manchester University, and Mr. Henry Wilson, M.B.E.S., of Cheshire. After the report had been given, Col. Christie said to a Press representative:

I appeal to the newspaper to drop the incident now and leave the matter to the doctors.

She is afraid to go out to the door because of people bobbing out from bushes. She does not know how she got to Harrogate. She has now recognised her sister and me, but she does not even know that she has a daughter.

She wrote nothing while at Harrogate except an advertisement signed "Teresa Neels" (asking friends and relatives to communicate with her). The explanation of the advertisement is that she was up there and did not know where her relatives were, and she thought the only way she could get into touch with them was by this means.

She did not use her bank balance while at Harrogate, but spent some money she had taken with her. Her account was stopped by the police.

I did not call in the police. They were spurred by double headlines in the newspapers. The papers said, "Where is Agatha Christie?" and the police thought, "Let's get down to it and put on 500 men a day."

It was not my doing at all. Surrey police provided cups of tea for special constables and so on. It is not my business to pay for this. You don't call upon people to pay the amount incurred when the police are called in.

I appeal to you to make no more fuss about it. The doctor's report shows that it is no stunt to sell books as has been suggested.

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HUNT DEFIED BY FARMER.

COAT OFF FOR A CHALLENGE.

A shot is alleged to have been fired recently by an angry farmer just before he warned members of the Cheshire Hunt that they must withdraw from one of his fields.

The bounds were hunting from The Admirals, one of Mr. Henry Tollemache's covers at Dorfold, late in the afternoon, when they reached a farm near Nantwich.

It is stated that the owner was in a field with gun in hand when Mr. Eric Williams, of Liverpool, jumped his horse into the field.

A Challenge.

The farmer is declared to have refused to allow the bounds to go on, and to have threatened Colonel Mesley Legh while still carrying the gun.

Then, throwing down the gun and taking off his coat, he challenged any member of the hunt to fight him.

Several of the younger men got off their horses and went to stand by Colonel Legh, between whom and the farmer sharp words were exchanged.

Finally the bounds were called off, and when the field were withdrawing the farmer is stated to have defied the hunt to come on his land again.

The Master, Mr. W. H. Midwood, from an adjacent field, heard the altercation and saw what occurred. The Hunt are considering police-court action.

KENT COAL FIELDS.

RIG PRODUCTION AIMED AT.

AN IMPORTANT LAW SUIT.

Extensive coal fields have always been known to exist in Kent but their commercial development has only recently become a practical proposition.

The extent to which the enterprise is going forward, its difficulties and interesting side lights were revealed recently before the Railway and Canal Commission Court (Mr. Justice Sankey, Sir E. Tipical Atkinson, K.C., and Sir Lewis Colward, K.C.), when Tilmantstone (Kent) Collieries, Ltd., asked for the right to erect an aerial ropeway for the carriage of their coal from the colliery to Dover Harbour, a distance of 8½ miles. The scheme was opposed by various parties interested, including the Southern Railway Company, the East Kent Light Railway Company, the Commissioners of Crown Lands, and the Earl of Guilford.

Mr. P. G. Bamber, for the colliery company, explained that the coal they produced was of a coarse type, and in the face of the competition of the better coal obtained in the north of England and elsewhere they found great difficulty in selling it unless some reduction in the cost of production could be effected. By means of the proposed ropeway it was believed that would be a saving of 4s. a ton, and probably more, and the daily production might be increased in time from 1,000 to 4,000 tons.

They hoped to obtain a large bunkering and export trade from Dover, but owing to the price they had to pay the railway companies, it was impossible to sell at a price that would allow them to get into the market at all for foreign coal.

If the ropeway were allowed the company would find themselves obliged in due course to close down the colliery altogether and 900 men would be thrown out of work. The hearing was adjourned.

PRINCE OF WALES AS RACQUETS PLAYER.

FINE FORM IN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

That the Prince of Wales is a greatly improved player was seen in the Amateur Championship at the Bath Club, when, though defeated by Captain E. D. Shafto by 6-10, 6-10, 9-3, 9-2, he showed better form than any yet produced by him in public.

He has greatly improved his back-hand, with which he scored many points in the left-hand corner, he has cultivated strokes which bring his outright winners, and he is much faster about the court. Until he began to tire in the fourth game he was more than the equal of Captain Shafto, a player of quite good class.

The first three games were great struggles, full of long rallies and recoveries on the part of both. Captain Shafto led in the first game at 8-4, but the Prince then got really going and pulled up to "game ball." One all.

Winded in the set of 2 and many blank hands followed, until the Prince went out with a service which "deadknicked." "I am terribly sorry," said he to his opponent.

Brilliant Play.

Captain Shafto led 2-0 in the second game, but the Prince then struck a brilliant patch. He made three winners and drew level at 6-6. Captain Shafto led 8-7, but the Prince again made it "game ball all" and won the two points in the "set." At the end of the game he tried to point out to the umpire that a point should have been against himself, but the official was obdurate.

After "5-all" had been called in the third game the Prince went to 6-5 with a perfect shot. He was led 8-7, but yet again drew level. Captain Shafto got in again, however, and won the next two points and the game. The Prince continued to feel the great pace at which the game had been played and just failed to reach balls which he could have got up when he was fresher.

First round (concluded): Capt. E. D. Shafto, bt. the Prince of Wales, 9-10, 8-10, 9-3, 9-2; W. R. Pyemont, w.o.; Flying Officer H. M. Meller scratched; B. Vernon Harcourt bt. Major E. G. French, 9-8, 9-4, 9-4; E. T. Huhn bt. P. Gardner, 9-7, 9-3, 9-4; W. D. Macpherson bt. F. M. Strawson, 4-9, 9-4, 9-6, 9-4; R. G. de Quetteville bt. H. Coverdale, 9-9, 9-3, 9-3.

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Copenhagen 18.20

Vienna 34.42

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Buenos Aires 48.7/18

New York 4.854

Geneva 25.18

Milan 13.17

Stockholm 18.24

Oslo 18.24

Prague 18.24

Madrid 20.79

Rio 5.25/32

Bombay 1/8.3/64

Yokohama 5/0.3/10

Shanghai 2/61

Hong Kong 1/11

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Silver (forward) 25.5/18

CAN. TYPESCRIPT BE A FORGERY?

When James Dalrymple, a Glasgow tram manager, was charged at Glasgow with forging and uttering a telegram, objection was raised by his solicitor, who pointed out the telegram was wholly typewritten, including the signature, and in his submission this was not a forgery in the sense of the Post Office (Protection) Act, 1864.

The prosecution contended the telegram was not genuine in any respect, and as a telegram was defined as a written or printed message, the one in question came within the latter category.

The Sheriff said it was a novel point which he would take time to consider. He accordingly adjourned the case.

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THE ANKUOCHUN ARMY.

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POWERFUL "WHITE" RUSSIAN AID.

The ravages of war and the sufferings caused to the country people of China are vividly illustrated by a very interesting series of war pictures published in the *North-China Daily News* of January 8th. Adult refugees are huddled miserably by the roadside, and there is a group of children, homeless, parentless, living in an archway under a railway bridge, exposed to the elements and not knowing where their next meal is to come from. Observers comment on the remarkable way in which the White Russian soldiers in the Northern army fraternize with their Chinese colleagues. They are probably the most loyal troops in China, and they have good reason for their loyalty. For one thing they are well paid and well treated. They are outcast from their own land, and so they are told, doomed to death if captured by the Cantonese troops.

The line of trenches shown in the pictures is the line of defence which halted the Cantonese advance northward, and kept the Southern forces around Hankow in a state of comparative inactivity, leaving them to concentrate their attention on the more difficult problem presented by the hills of Chekiang and Fukien.

Russians the Back Bone of the Army.

To military men interest lies in the pictures of the Stokes trench mortars, which have largely taken the place of field artillery owing to their cheapness and their greater mobility by coolie labour. Several Russian experts are included in Chang Chung Chang's army, and these men state that they find their pupils apt and very willing to learn. The part played by the White Russian troops in the Ankuchun forces cannot be over-estimated. They are generally said to be the backbone, and the basis of the whole army. They provide the instructors in all branches of military work, the aviators for the aeroplanes, and their infantry are the shock troops with which attacks are made, and a fine defensive arm in case of retreat.

Aeroplanes, Artillery and Art of War.

The equipment of the Northern troops is both complete and up-to-date. They have their aeroplanes, their armoured cars, trench mortars, field artillery and howitzers. Their generals have a wide knowledge of the arts of war, gained from long experience and the instruction of their White Russian advisers. There are probably no better exponents of trench warfare as applicable to China than these troops to-day. Provided they remain loyal to their trust, and their morale is not undermined by insidious propaganda such as has stood the Cantonese cause in such good stead up-to-date, the Southern forces may yet have a surprise in store and the tables may yet be turned.

THE SILENT THEATRE.

THE QUEEN'S MANAGEMENT AND MUSIC.

FILMS AND THEIR ACCOMPANIMENTS.

The cinema has been called the "Silent Theatre," and, unless you have seen a film presented without an orchestral accompaniment, you may accept it as a good description. In point of fact the film owes a great debt to music. It is true that the incidental music often seems to have no relation to what is being shown on the screen, or is hammered out in a mechanical fashion, popular songs, fox-trots and "solemn music" treating on one another's heels with no regard for sequence and a very little to the action in progress.

But to see a film in silence is quite another matter. However good the picture may be, it is almost impossible to keep your attention fixed, and the show seems more like the disjointed "animated pictures" of 20 years ago than a connected story.

Surely then since the orchestra is so integral a part of the film industry something more might be done to make it part of a well constructed whole. In many of the better cinemas theatres efforts are made in this direction, and the music played is chosen with an idea of conveying the same theme as the picture—this is a step in the right direction but hardly more than that. When one considers the vast sums of money spent and the vast armies of people employed in the production of films it does not seem too much to ask that special arranged to suit the needs of all events the more important pictures.

We are lucky in Hong Kong in having a management which does consider this question—the music which accompanied "Moby Dick" and "Sparrows," to give two re-

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RUSSIAN PRINCESS'S DIVORCE.

HEARING AT SHANGHAI.

CURIOUS CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES.

The case in which Elizabeth Kousminsky (née Princess Mescher-sky of Russia) petitioned for a divorce from her husband, Michael Kousminsky, a local Russia lawyer, came up for hearing on January 7th before Judge Hsu Mo in Special Provisional Court of Shanghai.

Mr. William S. Hong appeared for the petitioner and the respondent conducted his own case.

In answer to her lawyer's questions Mrs. Kousminsky said that she was married to respondent on April 10th, 1917, at Petrograd where they lived for a number of years. As a result of the Russian Revolution, they moved to Harbin, and later came to Shanghai, where they had been living for the last few years. She had a daughter, Marina, who was now five years and seven months old.

Husband Out of Work.

Petitioner mentioned numerous occasions when her husband ill-treated her and insulted her. She informed the Bench that respondent had been unemployed for a year and had no means of supporting her or their daughter. A settlement had practically been reached out of court. Her petition was for a dissolution of the marriage and the custody of their daughter.

The Court Cleared.

Respondent was then called and in the course of examination by the Judge, said that he had something to tell the Court but he would ask for the exclusion of the public. This was granted.

Ill-treatment by Wife Alleged.

In answer to further questions put to him by Judge Hsu, respondent alleged that his wife had treated him cruelly on numerous occasions and went on to tell a very long story which the Judge stopped and said was irrelevant. He was then asked whether he was willing to dissolve the marriage and said that, though he was not willing, he would be compelled to do so but he demanded custody of the child. He thought the suit had been instigated by a third party and demanded to know who this was.

Petitioner Murders Her Child.

Petitioner, recalled, said that she was willing to leave the child with respondent if he would not bother her any more. She wanted to use her maiden name as Kousminsky was bad.

The Judge then ruled that, inasmuch as the parties had both agreed to dissolve the marriage, an agreement should be drawn up by mutual consent and the parties would then be required to sign it. The child would be put in the custody of her father, and petitioner would be required to use the name Kousminsky while in China.

Judge Hsu then drew up an agreement of divorce in open court and ordered the parties to affix their signatures. This was done.

DOG CHEWS UP A WILL.

In an application before the High Court in London concerning the will, dated July 20th, 1925, of the late Mrs. Hannah Worrall, of Wiltshire, Staffordshire, Mr. Noel Middleton said that a few days after her death a married daughter, Mrs. Seager, while going through her mother's papers in a tin box, dropped a document on the floor. It was immediately seized by a dog, who bit pieces out of it. The document turned out to be the will. Lord Merrivale granted probate of the will, remarking: "Unfortunately you have no redress against the dog." (Laughter.)

cent examples, was carefully selected to be in harmony with the pictures.

"Take It From Me."

"Take it from me" showing at the Queen's to-day, Friday and Saturday—is a good picture of the light comedy order. There is genuine fun and clever acting to hold together a story which could only be credible on the film. Reginald Denny and Blanche McHaffey—act with a charming naturalness—in fact you may "take it from me" that it's a film to see and take your children to.

Among its best incidents are the scenes with shopwalkers on roller skates and assistants serving in evening dress, and one feels they might have been given more prominence. The dress parade too is original in conception, and far less dull than these shows generally are in films. If they are staged, as they must be to have justifiable part in the picture, in the background, the dresses cannot be seen, but here it is not the dresses which count but the amusing incidents for which they are the excuse.

At the World you may see Lon Chaney in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"—a powerful rather unnecessarily gruesome picture. And at the Star Katherine MacDonald in "Refuge."

PIRATES ACTIVE NEAR HONG KONG.

USE LAUNCH TO ATTACK JUNKS

AN EIGHT THOUSAND-DOLLAR JUNK SEIZED.

Hoyering in waters adjacent to Hong Kong, a mysterious steam launch is stated to have been concerned in a series of piratical attacks against small junks. The launch, when last seen, was speeding towards Shek Wan, in Chinese territory, with no fewer than three captured junks in tow.

A member of the crew of a fishing junk, who escaped from the pirates, brought back the news that a steam launch, on which the name of *Hoi Shing* could be plainly seen across the bow, overtook the junk which he was on, and, when within 500 yards, rifle fire was opened.

A prize crew was put aboard the junk which was then taken in tow with two other prizes, to Shekwan Day. During the night, he jumped overboard and reached the shore. He later made his way to Namtau village, where he embarked on a ferry and returned to Hong Kong.

Chinese Merchant's Adventures. Another report was made to the Police by a Chinese merchant living at West Point, that he and another man had engaged a cargo junk of 200 piculs capacity, with a crew of four men, to take a cargo of salt and sundries from Yumati to Tam Chow on the Canton River. The cargo was value at \$850.

The boat left and when sailing between Kian and Lintin Islands a fishing boat, having on board eight men, armed with rifles and revolvers, held up the craft and commenced firing at her. After one of the crew of the cargo boat had had his thumb shot off, the pirates boarded the vessel. They stole \$10 from one of the men and then took the boat to Lam Shan Island, near Linoin, where they put ashore, forcing the merchant now making the report to remain on the boat. Later on, leaving all the rest of the crew ashore, the pirates took the merchant with the boat to Sing Yuet, when they put him on a small fishing boat. The pirates then sailed away in the seized cargo boat in the direction of Man King Sha, near Taping. Eventually, the merchant got ashore near Shekhi and returned to Hong Kong on Tuesday.

THE SIEGE OF SIANFU.

LADY MISSIONARY'S GRAPHIC STORY.

UNBELIEVABLE SUFFERINGS.

A review of some of the incidents experienced during 150 days of siege in Sianfu was recently made before a Shanghai gathering by Miss K. M. Franklin, of the English Baptist Mission in that city, who arrived a few days ago in Shanghai prior to leaving for a much deserved home furlough of one year. Miss Franklin was in Sianfu on the fateful April 17th when General Liu Chen Hui attacked the city. The decision of General Yang Hu Cheng, defending general of Sianfu, to hold the city at all costs was responsible for the harrowing conditions which followed.

For the first week of the siege, foreigners in Sianfu were in the position of having huge shells bursting about their ears and all the hardships and stress of modern warfare. Every available precaution was taken to withstand the constant rain of bullets during this period. Holes were drilled in the connecting walls of foreigners' residences in order to eliminate the necessity of passing from room to room through a courtyard, and every available cellar was used in the effort to seek shelter.

The Nightly Fusillade.

Most of the firing took place at night the speaker said, and a conspicuous part about the first weeks of the bombardment was that a full came in the firing between the hours of noon and 4 or 5 p.m. while it was supposed that the soldiers took their *siesta*, a respite much appreciated by the besieged city. After the first month no letters arrived. By this time, also, the people inside the city, began to become accustomed to the inroads of bullets. After 100 days of the siege aeroplanes appeared over the city and dropped leaflets and propaganda inviting the defending soldiers to desert to the besiegers who promised them money and promotion. An attempt to kill General Yang, brought death to the two conspirators.

As the siege wore on and munitions inside the city dwindled, the attacking army grew constantly bolder. They built their gun platforms almost touching the city walls and a look through the windows of houses in the vicinity showed the soldiers in life size proportions. After 150 days of siege foreign women and children were allowed to leave under the escort of the rescuing party, composed of Dr. E. R. Wheeler, Dr. H. Wyatt and Mr. J. Shields, those who had been largely instrumental in effecting the release.

Deaths from suicide, from starvation and illness, mental anxiety, danger on every side from looting by the defending soldiers, prohibitive prices of supplies, an example of which was wheat which was priced before the end of the siege at \$1,200 a picul, the normal price being 40 or 50 for this quantity, were explained by Miss Franklin.

Concluding, she said that it was felt that the besieging army held out three or four days longer, the city would have capitulated, but the attacking general being pressed from the rear evacuated his army before the city surrendered.—N.O. Daily News.

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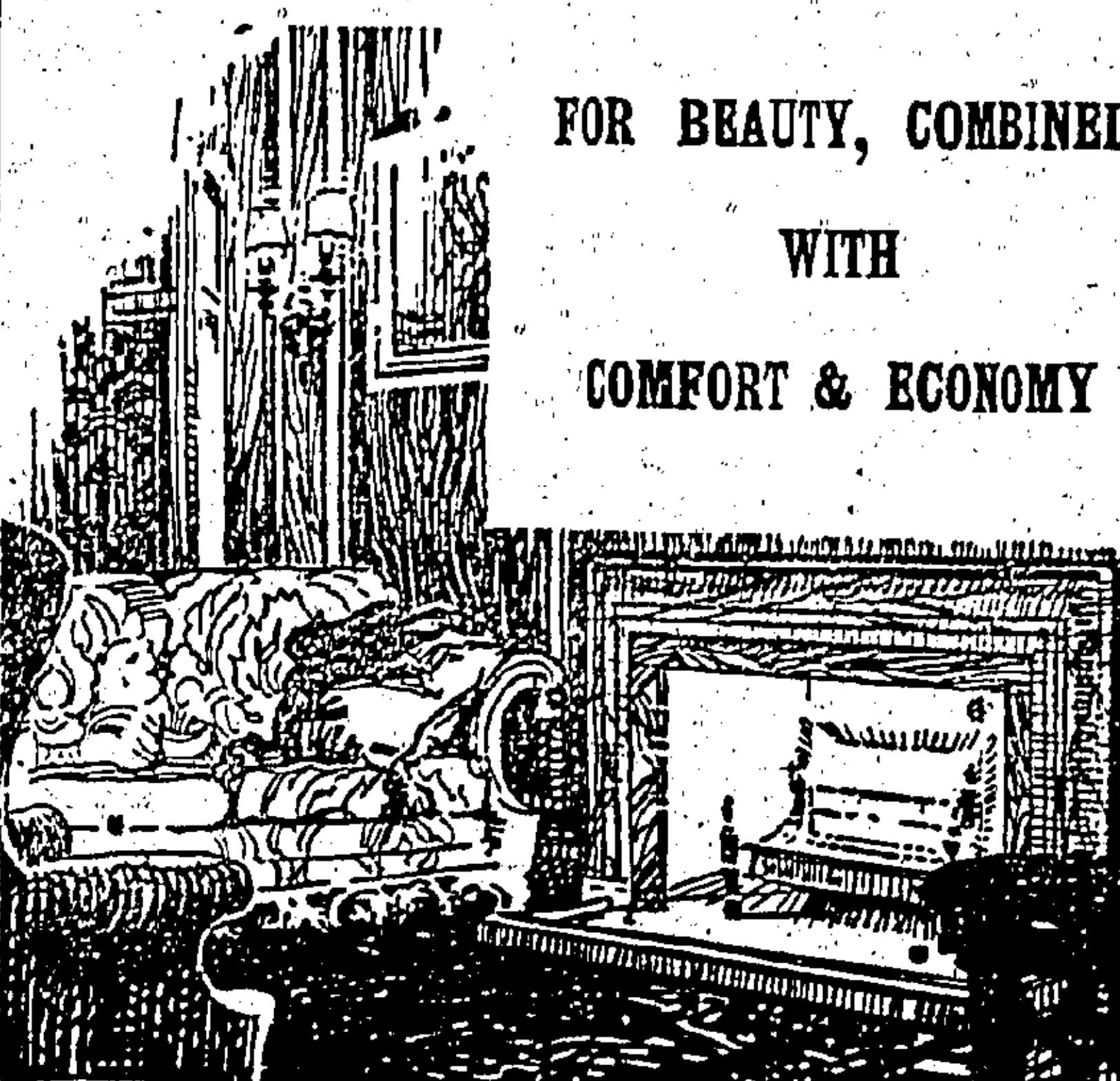
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MISSIONS IN CHINA.**REPLIES TO LORD INCHCAPE.****A CHORUS OF PROTEST.****BISHOP OF EXETER AND THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.**

In his speech at the annual meeting of the P. & O. Company, Lord Inchcape, the Chairman, attributed a great deal of the unrest in China to the activities of foreign missionaries. This has raised a chorus of protest and there has been much comment and correspondence in the Press on the subject.

According to the *Observer*, Lord Inchcape's depreciation of missions in China hath an ancient and fish-like smell, and he is probably surprised to find how little support it receives from current experience.

The Bishop of Exeter in an interview said: "Christianity never tried to break the Chinese faiths. What has happened is that, in opposition to all our efforts, secular

schools were started for Chinese students in Japan. Most unfortunately the English started the Hong Kong University on a secular basis. Without being certain, my impression is that Lord Inchcape or some of his firm were subscribers to that university. That university inspired the Cantonese students, who have proved a most difficult body of students to deal with. If the Hong Kong University had been established on a thoroughly Christian basis and had, as we wished, also taught reverence of the Confucian philosophy, probably there would have been no trouble in Canton."

Sir Valentine Chirol, in a letter to *The Times*, said: "Has Lord Inchcape asked himself whether the present moment, when the lives of so many missionaries in China, largely of his own nationality, are unquestionably in peril, is well chosen for using language concerning them which may well be construed by the Chinese anti-British extremists as throwing them to the wolves?"

Public Protest Advocated.

Lord Parmoor: "We ought to make a public protest at the earliest possible moment against Viscount Inchcape's statement. Missionary effort and enterprise are the natural and necessary outcome of sincerity in the Christian faith, and the claim of the Western trader to exclude Christian ethics and teaching from the vast population of China is in truth an unthinkable proposition, whether to a heretic or a believer. The teachings of missionaries are naturally opposed to the whole spirit of racial antagonism."

Lord Meston, ex-member of the Governor-General's Council of India (at Wesleyan Laymen's Missionary luncheon), said: "Lord Inchcape's was an attitude that was familiar to those who had been in the East, particularly in the early stages of their settlement. There were direct consequences of missionary work exhibited in certain degrees of restlessness and disturbance which in a very narrow sense was to the busy man something of a nuisance. The native in the East was very much like a child who when he begins to appreciate the outside world asked questions of his parents. They did not beat their children for asking those questions. The same thing was happening in the East. Lord Meston denied that what was going on in the Far East was in any large part the fault of missions."

Sir Arthur K. Yap (at Y.M.C.A. Council luncheon, Hotel Russell): "Missionaries did more than any one else to prevent trouble and to foster a better understanding between the Chinese and the foreigners."

Lady Frances Balfour: "Lord Inchcape's remark will, fortunately, attract the attention of the Christian world to the work that is being done in China and to that great and growing native Church which is likely to stand a harder persecution than that of Lord

Canon Blotfeld: "The inevitable contact with Western civilisation and knowledge and ideas is disturbing these ancient faiths, and Lord Inchcape and his fellow Christians, who have 'no use for these missions,' are neglecting a vital duty of every Christian, which is to help to preserve the best elements of the teaching of these non-Christian faiths, and to show their place in the Christian religion, which it is every Christian's duty to propagate."

Sir Francis Younghusband: "As to the missionaries, may I repeat what I wrote of them after making a journey across the Chinese Empire from the Sea of Japan to the Himalaya thirty years ago? 'My sympathies are entirely with the missionaries, and having seen the noble men, I have met with in the far interior of China, and realised the sacrifices they have made, I say that the hearts of all true English men and of all true Christian nations ought to go out to encouraging and helping those who have given up everything in their life to do good to others. . . . Surely the true spirit of the English nation is one of sympathy with brave men who risk their lives as freely and fearlessly as any soldier for what they believe to be the good and right.' Those words I wrote thirty years ago. I still hold to them."

Rev. Dr. J. H. Ritson, Senior Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society: "The foreign staff of the Bible Society in China numbers less than a dozen. Practically the whole work of printing and distributing the Scriptures in China is carried out by Chinese. The Society is not thrusting anything on China. The Chinese are demanding the Book. If Lord Inchcape knew anything about Chinese Christians he would realise that they were the most solid element in China to-day."

Pioneers.
Rev. W. Y. Fullerton, Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society: "I think it was a most gratuitous attack on the missionary societies by Lord Inchcape, because the shipping companies, in which he is interested, owe a great deal to the missionaries who have opened up the countries of the East. Missionaries have not stirred up national feeling save only as they have educated the people and as a result the people have demanded naturally better social conditions. Instead of being the opponents of the commercial classes the missionary in the past has often been blamed because he was considered an ally of the merchant."

Mr. Frank Gray, formerly Liberal M.P. for Oxford: "In support of the view expressed by Lord Inchcape, and by way of analogy, it may be said that while Christian missionaries are permitted, if not encouraged, in Southern Nigeria, they are discouraged, if not actually forbidden, to enter Northern Nigeria. In the former it may be right to establish a number of mission stations among uncivilised people holding beliefs which find their expression in fetish and inhuman cruelty, while in respect of the latter a strong view is held by the authorities against permitting Christian mission stations in competition with Mohammedanism. All who are acquainted with conditions in Northern Nigeria will warmly support the view of the authorities, although it may seem passing strange that a country claiming a State religion should, in one of its Crown Colonies, actively—as it does—financially and otherwise encourage another form of religion."

Rev. David Jenks, Assistant Secretary to the Missionary Council of National Assembly: "The charge made by Lord Inchcape might have been made with equal truth by any Roman governor during the first three centuries of the Christian religion. And again and again, both then and while Europe was being converted, had heretics, pestilence and other evils were traced to the evil influence of the new religion. Any student of modern political and economic life knows that it is the whole pressure of the Western system upon the East that is responsible for anti-foreignism and the dangerous misapplication of nationalism."

Rev. Henry E. Anderson, a Leigh Wesleyan Minister, who was a missionary in the southern part of China for over 20 years: "Wherever Christianity was introduced in

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SMUGGLED CIGARETTES.**MAGISTRATE ALTERS HIS MIND.**

A Chinese cook employed on the s.s. *Taikee* appeared before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy, on a charge of smuggling 1,000 "Three Star" cigarettes into the Colony.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25, or three weeks' imprisonment, but Revenue Officer Pearce said that he had been instructed to apply for a sentence of imprisonment without the option of a fine. It was quite easy for ships' cooks to smuggle cigarettes and tobacco into the Colony and fines are no deterrent.

His Worship said he was prepared to raise the fine, but could not refuse the man the option. The penalty was accordingly increased to \$75, or six weeks' hard labour in default.

WING ON VICTIMISED.**A SALESMAN'S MISAPPROPRIATION.**

A fine of \$250, with the alternative of three months' hard labour was inflicted on a Chinese salesman of the Wing On Co., by Mr. W. Schofield yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy, for misappropriation of \$683.

Outlining the case, Det. Sgt. McEwen said that the thefts had been ingeniously carried out, and the items in respect of which the charge was brought covered a period between June and December last. The defendant was caught in the act of cashing a cheque paid in by Mr. J. M. Wong, a customer of Wing On's.

China it created a certain unsettlement and ferment, but the Chinese people gradually came to realise that the missionaries were not out to destroy their ancient faith, but rather to give them something of greater value. Formerly missionaries in China were treated with great respect, but now a change for the worse had taken place. Bolshevik propaganda directed from Moscow was going right through the country, and Bolshevik doctrines were preached."

"Ignorance of the Position."
Mr. F. Marcus Wood, Secretary of the China Inland Mission, declared: "Lord Inchcape's remarks must be regarded as due to ignorance of the position."

Mr. Marshall Broomhall, author of numerous books on China: "Lord Inchcape's observations reveal a lamentable lack of knowledge of the subject. The majority of the missionaries are far away from the ports where the discontent is most active."

Mr. S. H. Hawkins, Foreign Secretary of the London Missionary Society: "The Christian missionaries have exercised a wonderful influence upon the educational methods and ideals of China, and at the moment 5,000 of them are doing their utmost to raise the standard of life in the Far East. The best leaders in China to-day are men who have passed through the Christian schools and colleges."

Mr. Kenneth Maclellan, Secretary of the Conference of British Missionary Societies: "There are some 6,000 missionaries in China from Western countries, but their influence may be reckoned small compared with the explosive influence of the New Testament, 4,800,000 copies of which were eagerly purchased by the Chinese, themselves last year."

Bishop of Peterborough, who has travelled extensively in China, said: "Lord Inchcape was extraordinarily mistaken in criticising those who had been some of the best servants to China. No foreign Powers from without could solve China's terrible problems for her. Those in whom lay the chief hope were such men as Mr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Wellington Koo, and others of their type who were either definitely Christian or greatly influenced by Christian ideals."

TRIBUTES TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL.**HON. SIR JOSEPH KEMP, K.C., CONGRATULATED.****CEREMONY AT FULL COURT SITTING.**

There was a special Full Court at the Supreme Court yesterday morning, before Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice) and Mr. Justice J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge), the occasion being the payment of high tributes and praise to the Attorney-General (the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.).

Both branches of the legal profession were represented in large numbers, and there were also present other friends of Sir Joseph and Lady Kemp. The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., on behalf of the legal profession tendered the hearty congratulations of both branches to Sir Joseph Kemp on the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by His Majesty the King.

Sir Henry Pollock's Speech.
The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock said: "The members of both branches of the legal profession are met together here to-day to congratulate the Attorney-General upon the honour of Knighthood which has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King. This honour is most thoroughly deserved. Sir Joseph has, during the past 23 years, had a very distinguished career in the Civil Service of the Colony and, after filling with great credit a number of posts in the service, which it is unnecessary for me to enumerate, he became acting Attorney-General in March, 1914, being subsequently given the substantive appointment in November, 1915. In this present post, he has shown outstanding and conspicuous ability."

The Great War brought with it many difficult and intricate legal problems in regard to many of which there were no precedents to go by and it may be confidently affirmed that Sir Joseph handled and mastered all these complicated subjects with great acumen and success, sticking to his arduous and hard-worked post through the entire period of the Great War. For these services he was justly made a Commander of the British Empire and since then he has further enhanced his already high reputation by the very able manner in which he has discharged his duties as Attorney-General and also on the Executive and Legislative Councils.

But whilst Sir Joseph is admirable as an official he has no less claim to be admired as a man, genial, kindly and courteous, accessible at all times to all who have sought his counsel, he has earned the respect and affection of the legal profession, the Civil Service and a large circle of outside friends all of whom unite in wishing him long life, happiness and prosperity.

In conclusion, we desire to extend our congratulations to Lady Kemp whose good work on Committees is well-known and also to Stephen who, we hope, will in the fullness of time follow in the father's footsteps.

Judges Concur.
The Chief Justice: "I do not think I can very well add to what has already been so eloquently expressed. I only desire to associate myself with the expression of congratulation to Sir Joseph Kemp."

The Puisne Judge: "I also wish to associate myself with every word that has been spoken by Sir Henry Pollock, my feelings being all the more strong in that between Sir Joseph and myself there has been a friendship lasting for more than a quarter of a century."

Attorney-General Replies.
Sir Joseph Kemp: "I thank your Lordships most sincerely for expressing concurrence with what Sir Henry Pollock has said. I wish to thank him too for what he said. It is far too kind and too flattering. I feel particularly grateful to him for the good wishes and congratulations expressed with regard to my wife and son. I also wish to thank all those members of both branches of the legal profession who have been so kind as to come here this morning."

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STRANDED FOREIGNERS.**THE FLIGHT OF THE OUT-OF-JOBS.**

Appearing on remand before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday morning, Eugene Kinkladze, a Georgian, asked that he should not be returned to Shanghai where 3,000 foreigners were without employment.

Detective Sergeant Elston, in explaining the defendant's case, said that on a previous occasion the man had managed to come here by stowing away on the *President Hayes*. He then got on the *Change*, bound for Australia, but was discovered during the voyage and put ashore at Thursday Island. The emigration authorities then took him in charge and returned him to this Colony.

His Worship ordered him to be confined at the House of Detention until arrangements could be made for his return to Shanghai.

Another case of being in the Colony without any visible means of support, was that of a Tamil named Karamat, who deserted his steamer, the *City of Winnipeg*, on the morning the ship sailed from this port.

Sergeant Elston said that the Harbour Master would find him another boat to return to India, and, pending this arrangement, the defendant was committed to the House of Detention.

George Sensor, a British subject, charged with vagrancy, who explained that he was the son of a missionary and born in Mauritius, was remanded in police custody for twenty-four hours. He stated he had been a seaman for 22 years, and was unable to get another job.

Sergeant Elston said the Government had decided to repatriate him to Mauritius.

DAMAGE TO A TREE.**SILLY DEFENCE AND \$50 FINE.**

A Chinese employed by the Dairy Farm Company was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, yesterday morning, with being one of a number engaged in felling a tree on the hillside above Jubilee Road.

An Indian policeman on patrol duty said that he heard a crash when the tree fell. The men scattered and defendant was the only one witness could capture. This was at one o'clock yesterday morning.

Defendant denied the offence, and explained that his presence on the hillside at that late hour was due to the necessity of washing himself, before retiring for the night, as he had been working as late as eleven o'clock at his duties, carrying pails of milk at the Dairy Farm at Pokfulam.

His Worship exclaimed that "Cows cannot be milked at that hour," and imposed a fine of \$50, or four weeks' hard labour.

A FATAL COLLISION.**INDIAN CONSTABLE KNOCKS DOWN CHINESE.**

Chasing an unlicensed hawk at Bonham Strand on Tuesday, a Sikh policeman collided with a Chinese who had got into the way. Both men fell heavily to the ground, but the Chinese did not rise. He was removed to hospital, where it was found his spine had been broken. The man died early next morning.

The deceased was Wong Yin Ling, an accountant of the Lung Tai Insurance Company, Des Voeux Road Central.

All this, my Lords, might tempt me to some degree of complacency were I not so conscious of my own demerits. I am, in fact, depressed by that consciousness but to some extent I am relieved by the reflection that this honour which His Majesty the King has been so graciously pleased to bestow upon me is an honour shown to the profession which I often represent in this court.

This ceremony is one more instance of the constant courtesy and kindness which I have always experienced from your Lordships and from members of both branches of the profession in Hong Kong. I thank your Lordships and them most sincerely.

The Court then rose.

A CAREFUL WATCH.

POLICE CONTROL IN CANTON.

LARGE DESERTIONS FROM ARMY REPORTED.

FREE RICE ALLOWANCE TO BE STOPPED.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Efforts on the part of the pro-Bolshevik elements among the labour unions in Canton to secure the withdrawal of General Chien Ta Chun from his post of Chief of Police have so far met with little encouragement. Strong representation is being made to General Chiang Kai Shek to retain General Chien in this post until the more lawless professional labour leaders are brought under control. Some of the extremists were very indignant the other day when the Police forced them to surrender twelve prisoners whom they had captured in the fighting during the New Year holidays. The extremists alleged that their opponents were holding four of their comrades in captivity but the only reply made by the Police was a request to be shown where these victims were imprisoned.

The Police in Canton are keeping a careful watch over gatherings of workers, especially those known to be "pro-Soviet" and anti-foreign. Every attempt is being made to avoid any "unpleasant incident" along Shaki which might furnish material for propagandists who are still maintaining a large staff in a building facing the old Provincial Assembly Building outside the former East Gate of the City.

Mr. Saburi, a member of the Japanese Foreign Office, has been on a visit to Canton during the past few days. He was a guest at the Headquarters of the Officer Commanding the Troops in Kwangtung on January 10th.

Dr. Wellington V. K. Koo's re-organized Cabinet in Peking, when finally completed, may include two Cantonese: Dr. Wang Chung Hui, who is mentioned for the portfolio of Justice, and Mr. Lo Wen Kan, as Minister of Finance. Both Dr. Wang and Mr. Lo have been members of the Cabinet a number of times. They both have relatives in Hong Kong, where they spent their childhood.

For some reason which at present is not clear, the Kuomintang leaders now gathered at Nanchang, the new Party headquarters, have requested all possible reinforcements to go to Kiangsi from Kwangtung. The original Cantonese forces which first reached Hupoh by way of Hunan have also withdrawn to Kiangsi in large numbers, according to recent mail dispatches from Hankow.

Desertions from Kuomintang troops now serving in Hupoh, Hunan, and Kiangsi are becoming very serious, according to reports from the front reaching Canton. Even from the better disciplined corps some 250 desertions are being reported weekly, and the number has risen as high as 800. In order to check this movement it is suggested that 80 per cent. of the soldiers' pay should in future be given in cash instead of 60 per cent. as at present.

Export of rice from Canton, until recently prohibited, is now allowed by the Kuomintang at a special export permit fee of one dollar, national currency, a picul.

The free allowance of rice and other provisions to some of the idle strikers will be suspended for the time being in order that an investigation may be made into alleged irregularities. More than 4,000 idlers are still being provided with board and lodging at an expense of nearly \$10,000 daily.

CANTON MERCHANTS' CONFERENCE.

SYMPATHY FOR CHINESE CASUALTIES ON YANTZSE.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

At the second session of the Canton Merchants' Conference yesterday, held under the auspices of the "advanced" section of the Kuomintang, a resolution was passed offering sympathy and support to "comrades in Hankow and Kiangsi who have suffered at the hands of British Marines there."

Coincidentally with the passage of the resolution were reports in Canton that the French section of the Shamen Concession has reinforced its Police with French Marines and that both British and French gunboats have anchored nearer to Shamen than they have been accustomed to do.

DR. R. H. KOTEWALL, C.M.G.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER BY TUNG WAH HOSPITAL DIRECTORS.

DR. KOTEWALL'S CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

TRIBUTE BY MR. E. R. HALLIFAX.

A complimentary dinner to the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, in recognition of the honour of C.M.G. bestowed on him in H.M. the King's New Year Honour list was given last night, at the Kaim Ling Hotel, West Point, by the Chairman and Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital.

In addition to the guest of honour, there were over sixty other persons attending, and guests invited included a number of Government officials, and prominent local Chinese gentlemen.

Mr. Tam Woon Tung (Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital) presided and he was supported by Directors of the Hospital and members of the Advisory Board. Among the guests present were the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow, Mr. Li Yau Tsun (Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce), Messrs Ho Kom Tong, Li Po Kwai, Ho Kwong, M. K. To, Mr. R. F. Johnson, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. C. Mc Messer (Colonial Treasurer), the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain-Superintendent of Police), Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E. (Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, R. W. C. North and J. Anderson.

Tribute to Dr. Kotewall.

Mr. Tam Woon Tung, the Chairman, speaking in Chinese, explained that he and his colleagues of the Tung Wah Hospital had felt that such an auspicious event as the conferment of the C.M.G. on the Hon. Dr. Kotewall by his Majesty the King should not be allowed to pass without some public recognition from an institution in which Dr. Kotewall had interested himself so much and had assisted it in so many ways. Therefore it was decided by the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital to mark the occasion by giving a dinner in Dr. Kotewall's honour. (Applause.)

The Chairman went on to refer to Dr. Kotewall's abilities as a scholar in both Chinese and English, and remarked that he was held in very high regard by all sections of the community of Hong Kong. (Applause.)

An outstanding characteristic of Dr. Kotewall, continued the Chairman, was that despite the fact that he was a very busy man, he always helped those who needed help. (Applause.)

Mr. Tam Woon Tung went on to speak of Dr. Kotewall's business ability, and remarked in this connection that the Directors and Advisory Board of the Tung Wah Hospital were very grateful for the kindness he had shown towards this institution, and for the advice he had given them. They indeed owed a debt of gratitude to him. (Applause.)

The Trade Loan.

The Chairman remarked that Dr. Kotewall's services in the Colony had recently been recounted in the local press, so that there was no need for him to dwell upon this, except to mention the signal service he had rendered to the Colony during its time of trouble. Numerous were his services, and one of the most important of them was his share in securing the Trade Loan of thirteen million dollars. The Colony owed a debt of gratitude both to Dr. Kotewall, and also to the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow. (Applause.)

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked Dr. Kotewall, wishing him long life, health and prosperity. After the toast had been duly honoured, Dr. Kotewall replied.

Dr. Kotewall's Reply.

Also speaking in Chinese, Dr. Kotewall returned thanks to the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, and to the Chairman for the kind words he had spoken. He also thanked the company for the manner in which they had drunk his health.

It was very gratifying to him to know that the honour which it had pleased His Majesty the King to confer upon him, had given pleasure to so many of his friends. He himself felt that he had done nothing to deserve the eulogy of the Chairman. If Sir Shou Son Chow and he had been able to render some service to the Colony it had been because they had had the co-operation of their fellow Chinese and non-Chinese. It was a matter of good fortune to the Chinese community to have as its senior representative on the Council a man of such superior wisdom as the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow (applause).

The speaker also referred to the admirable way in which the district watchmen and police had kept peace and order in the Colony. Compliment to Chinese Community. Dr. Kotewall went on to say that he felt that his own personal efforts could not have won him such a high honour as that of the C.M.G. It was the united efforts of so many workers in the one cause that had won it. He felt that the honour was not only a compliment to himself, but also to the whole of the Chinese community whom he had the honour and pride of representing. (Applause.)

Referring to the strike period, Dr. Kotewall paid a tribute to the voluntary work put in by large sections of the Chinese community, and remarked that they sacrificed their time, without consideration or thought of personal interests. They all worked for the public good. "With such men in the Colony," said Dr. Kotewall, "I am confident of the future; confident that one day Hong Kong will come into its own again, and that this Colony will be even more important and successful than she was before." (Applause.)

Hospital Services.

Dr. Kotewall said that the Chairman had mentioned the little service he had been able to render to the Tung Wah Hospital. What he had been able to do, said Dr. Kotewall, was his duty, and was rendered with his greatest pleasure. The Tung Wah Hospital was the most important charitable institution in Hong Kong and was well known and highly respected wherever Chinese were to be found throughout the world. (Applause.) It was the good fortune of Chinese that throughout nearly half a century there had always been found men, busy men, to come forward and carry out this relief work for the good of the community and humanity. (Applause.)

Tribute by Mr. Hallifax.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax congratulated Dr. Kotewall on the honour which had been conferred upon him.

Mr. Hallifax went on to refer to the work Dr. Kotewall does for the Colony and the Government every day of his life, every week of his life, and every year of his life. Everyone would have peculiar pleasure in knowing that the first recognition of Dr. Kotewall's honour had come from the Committee of the Tung Wah Hospital; which, to the speaker's mind, was the truest representative of the Chinese community.

There was no other body in the Colony which was so representative of the people who had influence in Hong Kong among the Chinese community as the Tung Wah Hospital Committee.

Mr. Hallifax added that no enterprise which the Tung Wah Hospital embarked upon failed to prove successful.

In conclusion, Mr. Hallifax congratulated Dr. Kotewall on the honour which had been conferred upon him. He also congratulated the Tung Wah Hospital on their enterprise.

Mr. Chow Chau Yin added congratulations in a happy speech made in Chinese.

The dinner terminated with the taking of a flashlight photograph of the company present.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WARNING TO CHINESE NATIONALISTS.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

SIR,—I am sore afraid that the misguided "Nationalist" tools of the Russian Bolsheviks at Hankow have gone too far and are beyond recall.

By listening to the advice of Borodin and his colleagues in Moscow, who are scheming to use the Chinese as instruments for killing British trade and ousting the British from China, Chiang Kai Shek, Sun Fo, Hsu Chien, Eugene Chen, Sun Tze Ven and others are bringing ruin and disaster upon China.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen has invited the Russian Bolshevik wolves into China, but how are the Chinese going to get rid of them?

It looks as if the Wu San Kwei episode of Chinese history is going to be repeated!

How is it possible for the Russian Bolsheviks and the Chinese to be friends?

Are the Chinese aware that Russia has seized and absorbed two-thirds (4,000,000 square miles) of the territory of the Chinese Empire of the Han Dynasty (i.e., the whole of Siberia from the Ural mountains in the West to the Pacific Ocean in the East)?

Are the Chinese aware that the Russian robber chief Yermak and his band of savage Cossacks only started to invade the Han territories south of the Ural mountains during the reign of Emperor Wan Leih of the Ming Dynasty (1580)?

Is it possible for such a race of people, who have been scheming for the conquest and absorption of China for 350 years, to be the true friends of China?

I, therefore, leave it to the intelligence of the educated and thinking Chinese to guess the true motive of the Russian Bolsheviks in lending money, arms and military advisers to the Chinese "Nationalists."

Let these "Nationalists" beware lest they are put into the pouch of their Russian Bolshevik "friends," before they know it.

Why should all this outcry be against a friendly Power like Great Britain? Why should the British be singled out for such unfriendly treatment by these so-called "Nationalists"?

What have the British done to deserve the hatred and enmity of the Chinese?

Have the British robbed China of two-thirds of her territory (about 4,000,000 square miles) like the Russians?

Great Britain's only possession in China is the little island of Hong Kong, which was ceded to her by the Maatchu Government in 1841; and is this little island of about 35 square miles the cause of all this outcry against Great Britain?

There must be something more at the back of all this anti-British propaganda in China, and no doubt the British Government is awake and watchful.

Is this the "British Imperialism" which has been so assiduously trumpeted into the ears of the young Chinese students and the ignorant country people and workers by the propagandist agitators of the "Nationalists"? But what about Russian Imperialism, and the return of the vast Siberian territory to China?

Will it be possible to awaken the masses to the truth, before it is too late, and before the Bolshevik virus saturates the whole Chinese nation? Things are looking dangerously black on the political horizon, and recent events seem to presage a repetition of history!

It is high time for the wise and level-headed "Nationalists" (Kuomintangites) to secede from the Party, and use their utmost endeavours to save the situation, before the Foreign Powers are forced to intervene again.

They must unite and drive out the Russian Bolsheviks from China, and let them set quickly.

May God confound our enemies and help the cause of the righteous.

Yours truly,

A SON OF HAN.

A REMINDER FROM CANTON.

(TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS.")

SIR,—It is rather amusing to read the letter of "Briton" on British policy in China in yesterday's issue of your paper. He is truly a Briton, at once aggressive and warlike. But I venture to suggest that the manner in which he dealt with the present critical situation will aggravate rather than heal the wounded relation between Britain and this country. It is true, British people have rights, but he forgot that other people have rights also and that one cannot unduly exercise their own at the expense of another's. Perhaps he thinks that China has no might on her side. But he cannot be too strongly reminded that if he persists in such medieval ideas, he will have to reckon sooner or later with a rude awakening from the fact that Nationalism as a principle of energy is always irresistible. As one of those who have the peace of this part of the world dear at heart, I will not pick a quarrel too readily with anybody. But I cannot help uttering a warning to the more enlightened and liberal section of British people that so long as they seek to maintain their privileged position in China, either openly by resorting to force or secretly by supporting Chinese reactionaries against the Nationalist Government, the only Government Chinese people really desire to have at present, Anglo-Chinese rapprochement is impossible.—Yours, etc.,

MING CHIE LIANG.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Canton.

January 8th.

AN INGENIOUS FRAUD.

SEVERAL LEADING LOCAL PAWNSHOPS VICTIMIZED.

Alleged to have perpetrated a series of frauds on local pawnshops by employing two dupes, a Chinese appeared on remand before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, on charges of obtaining money by false pretences and of aiding and abetting others to obtain money by fraud.

Mr. D. MacCallum appeared for the prosecution and Mr. F. H. Losby for the accused.

Outlining the case, Mr. MacCallum said that the defendant had employed two dupes to carry out a series of frauds by taking certain articles of jewellery to pledge at the local pawnshops falsely representing them to be of solid gold. The articles were all made of iron or copper, but covered with a thin layer of gold.

The first witness called was an accountant in the King Chong Pawnshop, who said that on December 14th, a man calling himself Li Kut pledged a hair press in his shop. Witness was told that the article was made of "Gold Coin gold," and on weighing the hair press, witness advanced the sum of six dollars against it. A similar press was also taken in pawn on December 28th and on this occasion, seven dollars was advanced. The presses bore the "chops" of a local goldsmith. Later, through information received, witness bored a hole through the presses and discovered that the articles were of iron with only a thin layer of gold outside.

Several witnesses, all accountants from pawnshops, gave similar evidence. Some of them were victimized with rings and others with bangles, etc. All the articles being stamped with the "chops" of well-known goldsmiths.

The case was adjourned to Monday next.

A POLICE DESERTER.

LUKONG GETS FOUR MONTHS.

A Cantonese lukong was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindell, yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy, for desertion.

Capt. H. F. Bloxham, A.S.P., informed his Worship that the lukong's conduct had been consistently bad.

Defendant pleaded that he had been unreasonably reported by one of the sergeants.

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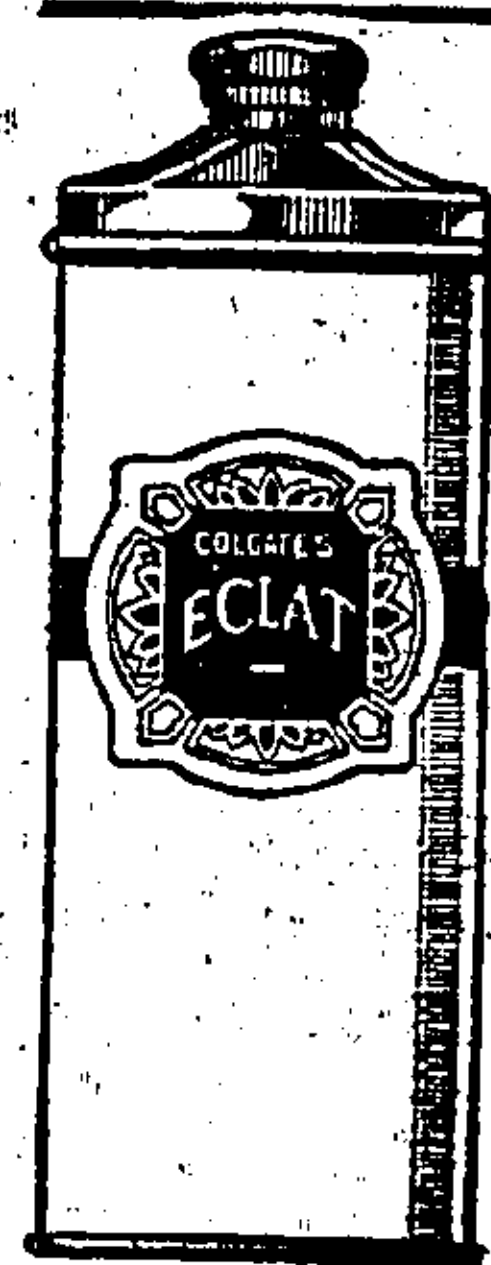
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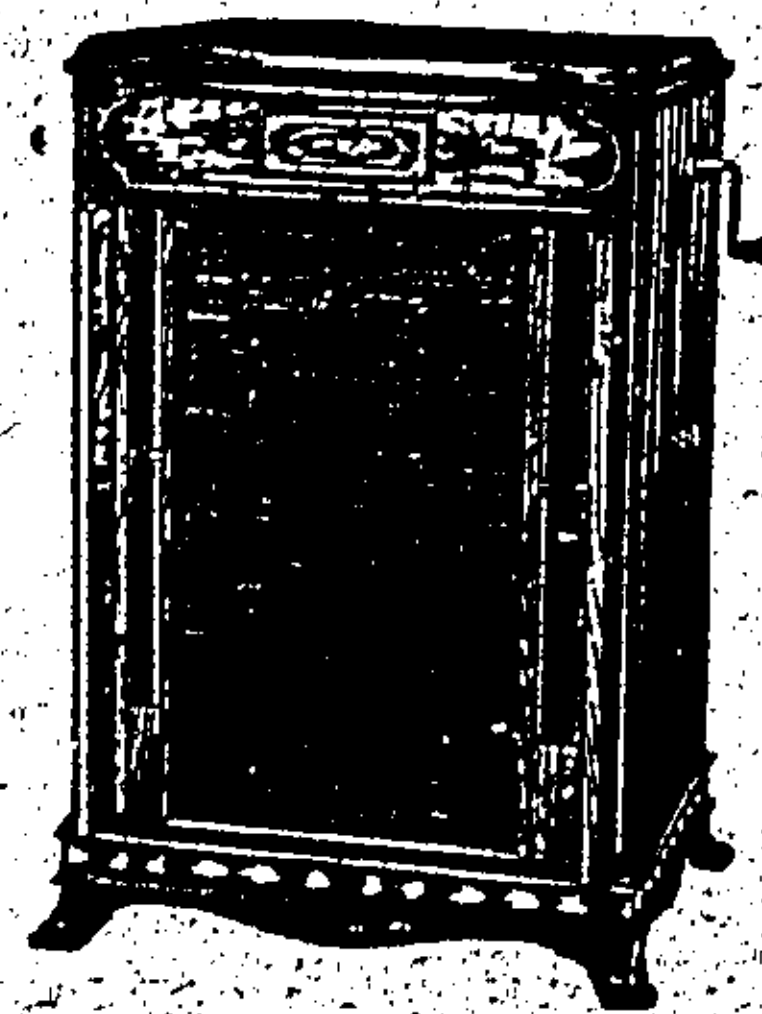


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Company as NULL and VOID.
Certificate No. 6409 for 100 Ordinary
Shares Numbered 215550/649
in Name of
MOK HOK MING.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd.,
Shanghai, 9th Dec., 1926.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE
AND RECREATION CLUB
OF MACAO, LIMITED,
MACAO.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the INAGURAL RACE
MEETING FOR CHINA PONIES
of this Club will take place at MACAO
on the 6th FEBRUARY, 1927, at 10 A.M.,
if weather permits. There will be
Only One Event at this Meeting,
"THE TRIAL STAKES."
The FIRST ANNUAL SPRING
MEETING FOR CHINA PONIES
is scheduled to take place on the 16th,
17th, 18th and 19th APRIL, 1927.
The CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKE
will be run on the 18th APRIL, the
3rd Day of the Meeting.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY
OF CANTON, LTD.

THE CERTIFICATE No. 7879 for
8 Shares, 24 Per Share Paid Up
Numbered 82061/92098 and 82065/88008,
in this Society standing in the Name
of Mrs. MARIA WU DA SILVA, of
Canton, has been declared LOST,
and if at the Expiration of One Month from
the Date hereof the above Document be
not forthcoming the said Certificate will
be deemed CANCELLED and of No
Effect, and a NEW CERTIFICATE
for the 8 Shares will be issued in its
stead by the Society.

PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager,
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

CHINESE REPUBLIC 5% GOLD
BONDS, 1925.
(BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE
CHINE BONDS).

THE HALF YEARLY INTEREST
New Due will be Paid on Pre-
sentation of Coupon No. 4, and the
undermentioned BONDS, Drawn on the
1st DECEMBER, 1926, will be Paid at
Par, on and after the 15th JANUARY,
1927, at the Office of the BANQUE
FRANCO-CHINOISE, PRINCE'S BUILD-
ING, HONG KONG. Payment will be
made in Hong Kong Dollars at the
Demand Buying Rate of Exchange on
New York on the Day of Presentation.
Interest and Redeemed Bonds will also
be Paid at all the Branches of the
BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE and in
New York at the BANQUE COM-
MERCE ITALIENNE, and at J.
HENRY SCHROEDER BANKING
CORPORATION.
The following are the Redeemed Bonds:
All Numbers ending with
065, 545, 886, 981,
12092 to 87789,
00649 to 157849,
849, " 70849 to 87789 only.

N.B.—The Premises of the Hong Kong
Branch of the BANQUE
FRANCO-CHINOISE have
been recently Transferred to
PRINCE'S BUILDING, corner of Ice
House Street and Chater Road.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

ON and After MONDAY, JANU-
ARY 10th, 1927, the Office of
the SECRETARIAT FOR CHINESE
AFFAIRS will be on the FIRST
FLOOR of the NEW GOVERNMENT
BUILDING in CONNAUGHT ROAD
CENTRAL.

E. R. HALLIFAX,
Secretary for Chinese Affairs,
Hong Kong, 8th January, 1927.

HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE
ASSOCIATION.

DINNER DANCE
8.15 P.M., JANUARY 21st, 1927.

MEMBERS may book their Tables
and obtain their Tickets on and
after MONDAY, 10th INST., at Messrs.
MOUTRIE'S, where a Plan of the
Seating Arrangements may be seen.

THE HONG KONG LAND IN-
VESTMENT AND AGENCY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the THIRTY NINTH
ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in this Com-
pany will be held at the Office of
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
THURSDAY, 17th JANUARY,
1927, at Noon, for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Directors
together with a Statement of Accounts
for the Year ending 31st DECEMBER,
1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from
FRIDAY, 14th JANUARY, to
THURSDAY, 27th JANUARY, both
days inclusive, during which period No
Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENEILL,
Secretary,
Hong Kong, 6th January, 1927.

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PORTS of the MEETING
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HONG KONG DISPENSARY.

BIRTH.

DREWETT.—On January 5th, at
Hankow, to Mr. and Mrs. JOHN
DREWETT, a daughter.

DEATH.

WHITE.—On December 13th, at
Bath, EVELYN CONSTANCE, widow
of FRANCIS WILLIAM WHITE,
Maritime Customs, China, third
daughter of the late Hon. ED-
WARD ESKIN, C.B.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. PATTERSON
desire to thank all friends for their
kind expressions of sym-
pathy and for floral tributes
sent in their recent sad bereave-
ment.

Hong Kong Office: 1A, Chater Rd.
London Office: 131, Fleet St., E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, JANUARY 13th, 1927.

THE ECONOMIC SIDE.

There is no doubt that a consider-
able part of the chaos in China is
due to the economic situation which
has lost its stability since the world
war. It is impossible to believe
that the fluctuation in the purchas-
ing power of the various currencies
in Europe and the violent move-
ments in the price of silver have
had no effect. The Chinese in
money matters are very conservative
and cling tenaciously to the medium
of exchange which has been in use
for centuries. They cannot, how-
ever, escape the consequences of the
economic laws. When silver slumps
in value as it has been doing in
recent years, it flows to those coun-
tries where it can be exchanged for
goods and so automatically causes
a rise in prices. A scarcity of
goods or an excessive amount of
silver produces the same effect. The
labourers' and coolies' wages, how-
ever, do not automatically respond

to the situation. In England there
is an index figure to which salaries
and wages of Government servants
are adjusted. Where there is no
such machinery of adjustment there
is naturally a struggle before
equilibrium is reached. In China,
this conflict has been aggravated by
the issue of paper money that has
not sufficient precious metal to back
it. It quickly depreciates in value
but the victims of this form of
exploitation are generally the
ignorant working classes who,
existing on the verge of poverty
and having no margin at all, find
living conditions intolerable and
so become ready to believe any lie
that may be told them to explain
their evil plight. Thus they agitate
for boycotts, or worse still, become
pirates and bandits. It is among
such unfortunate people that the
agitator finds his best material. It
is this mob which can be manipulat-
ed to most destructive ends, and
finds its happiest outlet in such
adventures as have taken place
recently at Hankow.

But this, of course, is only one
factor in the distressful situation.
It is gravely intensified by the
militarists who restrict trade by
heavy exactions, and hinder the
production of wealth by destroying
confidence, for men, now as ever,
are loath to sow if they have no
certainty of reaping. Moreover,
although the demands of the work-
ers may be legitimate owing to
depreciation in currency value, the
unfortunate thing is that when the
demands are granted the appetite
appears to be merely whetted and
the worker feels that there is no
limit to the concessions to be obtain-
ed if the demand is accompanied
by suitable threats and made with
sufficient vehemence.

It is particularly unfortunate that
the epidemic of strikes should
occur just when China is experi-
menting in large scale production
and in large emporiums and hotels
which require something more than
family labour. Big accumulations
of capital represented in these
enterprises, are endangered, for their
earning power is quickly paralysed
by labour disputes. Thus this
economic way of producing wealth
is destroyed and the alternative is
either state production or produc-
tion on a very small scale, neither
of which systems has proved
efficient. The Chinese and foreign-
ers for example who put their
money into the Peking tramways,
if approached for capital for
similar projects, would be exceed-
ingly eloquent in their refusal.

It is precisely this paralysis,
however, which the Russian propa-
gandist aims at. The foreign
and native capitalist is to be made
to see that the satisfaction of the
workers demands and the economic
working of the business are incom-
patible. If the private capitalists
are thus excluded the Government
by expropriation or state theft
assumes control as in the recent
case of the Sunning Railway, or
Canton waterworks, and also on a
much larger scale in Russia where
British and Americans are still
trying to recover their private pos-
sessions. The state, having secured
possession of valuable plant with-
out compensation, can show quite
good results for the workers, as
civil servants find themselves
dagooned into service by a disci-
pline, the severity of which they
hitherto had never suspected could
exist. It is one method of revolu-
tion but it involves serious dis-
advantages. The chief disadvan-
tage is that financiers will stand
severely aloof when the state wants
to contract new loans for expand-
ing its economic activities. An-
other and minor one, perhaps, is
the reluctance of other nations to
have either political or economic
relations with the country that acts
in this particular way.

Tai Po Bridge is now open to
traffic from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily.

A small boy, charged with hawk-
ing without a licence, pleaded, in
Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court yester-
day morning, that he was the only
support of his grandmother. He
was given \$4 out of the poor-box
with which to pay for a hawk's
licence.

The Dockyard Ladies' Recreation
Club have arranged to hold a fancy
dress carnival dance at the Hotel
Savoy to-morrow night. The func-
tion will be in aid of the M.C.L.
Funds. At ten o'clock there will be
a fancy dress parade, for which
prizes will be given.

Mr. R. F. Johnson, who has
been tutor to the Boy Emperor of
China, arrived in the Colony this
week, and is staying at Government
House. He was present at the
dinner given in honour of the Hon.
Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., at
West Point last night.

We have received a very useful
"Society" desk memo calendar on
the same principle as last year's,
there being one memorandum sheet
for each day, date and month at
the top, and also the date in Chinese
and the complete calendar for the
month on each daily slip.

The christening took place on
December 13th, at St. Catharine's
Philippine Gardens, of the infant
son of Sir Claud and Lady Severn.
The Rev. Hew F. Severn officiated,
and the child received the names
David Bullock. The godparents
were Mr. J. H. S. Wild, Mr. G. M.
Barker and Mrs. Hathaway.

It was reported to the police on
Tuesday that an Alsatian wolf-
hound, belonging to Mr. J. H. An-
drews, of No. 114, The Peak, was
taken to Kennedy Town for obser-
vation, subsequent to an attack on
a coolie employed at another re-
sidence on the Peak. The coolie
received treatment at the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital.

The Dairy for 1927 issued by the
Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed
Milk Company, is with its space
for professional and private ap-
pointments and for monthly cash
accounts, a very handy little
volume. It will be useful to parents
containing as it does practical in-
formation about vitamins, and the
feeding of babies and infants.

In our report yesterday in
connection with the case, in which
Mr. V. Goulborn was described as
being charged with negligent and
dangerous driving of a motor-cycle,
we since learn that the cycle was at
the time driven by Mr. Spradberry,
and that the summons was taken
out against the driver, and not
Mr. Goulborn, the owner of the
cycle.

The Hong Kong Philharmonic
Society are to commence rehearsals
next Monday for the production of
H.M.S. Pinafore. The rehearsals
will be held in the Cathedral Hall
on Mondays at 5.30 p.m. and on
Thursdays at 8.45 p.m. There are a
few vacancies in the chorus for all
voices, and ladies and gentlemen
wishing to take part should attend
at the above times.

During the week ended January
8th five Chinese (1 imported) and one
American cases of diphtheria were
reported, three ending fatally.
There was one Chinese death from
puerperal fever, one case (a dog)
of rabies, and three Chinese deaths
from enteric fever, two new cases
of that disease having been noti-
fied. On Monday one Chinese case
of cerebro-spinal fever was reported.

There was a large and apprecia-
tive audience present at the Theatre
Royal last evening, when the con-
cert party of H.M.S. Hawkins gave
their concluding performance. The
party were even better than on the
opening night, and with the assist-
ance of the really fine ship's or-
chestra presented an exceptionally
bright and entertaining programme.
It is to be hoped that we shall hear
more of this concert party in the
future.

According to a Shanghai contem-
porary, Mr. Stevenson, the well-
known billiards professional, arriv-
ing in Shanghai from Japan and
with him was Mr. W. A. Dalgarro,
the pair having a rousing recep-
tion when they present themselves
at the Race Club. "Dolly" Dal-
garro, the jockey, who is also well-
known in Hong Kong, says they
have been working admirably to-
gether in Japan—Stevenson pots
the red and he picks it out of the
pocket.

A young Chinese, found guilty of
stealing a quantity of dried fish
Mr. Schofield at the Central Magis-
tracy yesterday morning, was sent
to jail for three months for return-
ing from banishment together with
a further term of four weeks for
the theft of the fish. Inspector Vin-
cent said that the accused had been
banished from the Colony in 1925,
as being a suspected member of a
gang who specialised in snatching
hand-bags from European ladies.

OBITUARY.

MISS EDITH MEAD.

The death occurred at the French
Convent Hospital on Monday of
Little Miss Edith Lucille Moore
Mead, the 13-year-old daughter of
the late Mr. J. H. Mead and of Mrs.
Paterson of Kowloon.

The deceased only returned from
a six months' holiday in England on
New Year's Day, but on the trip
home, little Miss Mead was by no
means well, and four days after her
arrival here she was again taken
ill. She was removed to the French
Hospital, where an operation was
performed on Monday afternoon,
but death took place whilst she was
under the anæsthetic, peritonitis
having set in.

The funeral took place at the
Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley,
on Tuesday evening. The Rev. G.
R. Lindsay officiated.

There was a large attendance of
relatives and friends, and amongst
the numerous wreaths were tri-
butes from the deceased's mother
and other relatives both here and
at home, the "Sunflower" Patrol
of the 1st C.B.S. Company of Girl
Guides, the teachers and scholars
of St. Andrew's Sunday School, Mr.
and Mrs. G. B. Labrum, Mr. and
Mrs. V. C. Labrum, Capt. and Mrs.
H. S. Hurley, Mr. I. B. Trevor, Mr.
and Mrs. Tolan and family, Mr. and
Mrs. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. San-
derson Smith, Miss Violet Capell,
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Summers, Mr.
and Mrs. G. F. Nightingale, Mr. and
Mrs. R. F. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs.
J. R. Capell and family, staff of the
Dispensary, Mr. W. Paterson, Mr.
and Mrs. L. Laing and Miss Laing,
Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Lindsay, Mr.
I. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson,
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Robinson, Mr.
and Mrs. E. W. White and family,
Mr. J. W. Blackley, Mr. and Mrs.
F. C. Todd, Mrs. L. Dand, Mrs.
Moses and Ernie, Bella, Betty and
Andre Peterson, Helen and Carole-
line Paterson, Edith Moses Ade,
Mickey Williams, Gladys
Saunders and many other girl
friends.

Two Excellent Soloists.
Mrs. A. M. Boyes-Smith has a
lovely flexible voice—her notes
come out full and clear without the
least apparent effort—and one can
distinguish every word. She has
besides this two qualities, which
many professional singers lack—a
beautiful articulation of English
and simple charm of delivery with
no jerks or mannerisms.
She was down on the programme
to sing three songs "A Coon Song"
and "Water Meadows" by Landon
Donald, and "Waves" by Mon.
Vague Phillips and added to these
two encores of which the first "Oh
you that's selling daffodils" was
particularly suited to her voice.
"Waves" is a delightful musical
picture—one sees the sun dancing
on the sea and hears the little
hiss as the small waves break on
the shore.

Mrs. I. Balaen's violin solos were
also received with enthusiasm.
Caprice, Viennese Kriessler op. 2
is one of those pieces which sounds
as if it were easy to play—or at
all events, Mrs. Balaen made it
sound so which is far better art
than the tricks intended to im-
press the audience with their
brilliance into which some professionals
fall. In point of fact Kriessler with
his double stopping is particularly
difficult for the violinist. Her
second solo "Rascolle" L. Spohr
is a lovely soothing melody—light
and smooth the antithesis of the
neurotic dash of modern music and
yet without the somewhat dull per-
fection of the older school.

Mrs. G. Watt was unable to sing
owing to illness, and her places were
taken by Mr. and Mrs. White. Mr.
White sang a pleasant little song
"Drums" in a clear well toned
voice and in the second part of
the programme two duets with Mrs.
White "Watchman What of the
Night" and "Excelsior" both
of which were received enthusias-
tically by the audience.
Mr. Rupert Baldwin, A.T.C.L.,
played two pianoforte solos of
Schumann, which though skillfully
played sounded rather uninterest-
ing.

Mrs. Frank White accompanied
for the choir with the self sacrifice
which makes the ideal accompanist
and Mr. Rupert Baldwin accom-
panied the songs and violin solos
straight from New Jersey.

A FINE CONCERT.

THE HONG KONG MALE VOICE
CHOIR.

WHY SO FEW PRESENT?

The concert given last night in
the Cathedral Hall by the Hong
Kong Male Voice Choir was enjoyed
by an enthusiastic though very
scanty audience of some 80 persons.
When Hong Kong has such a good
musical entertainment to offer it is
astonishing that a better attendance
cannot be forthcoming. Of these
80 most were Chinese—English
people prefer, it appears, to play
bridge, which is disheartening for
those lovers of music who have
given up so much of their time to
provide a good concert.
To hear a large company of men
sing together is a moving experi-
ence—and far more satisfactory
than a ladies choir-party because
there is less inequality in the
voices and less selfishness.

The choir are well trained and
there is no over-prominence of one
voice either tenor or bass as one
so often finds in amateur choruses.
Mr. Frank White conducted and
held his team well together. Their
songs were not, however, as happily
chosen as they might have been.
The first "The Song of the Jolly
Roger" by C. F. Chudleigh Can-
dish, went with a swing as did the
first part of their final "Descrip-
tive Chorus" by T. Maldwyn Price
—which was their most successful
number. The words, rather blood-
thirsty words, were clearly articu-
lated to a good full melody in which
every member of the choir, how-
ever conscious he might be of his
own shortcomings, felt emboldened
to lift up his voice. It was
clear that these were the songs
they enjoyed singing. When they
came to "The Little Church" by
V. E. Becker, Arthur Sullivan's
"Tone Poem" and the latter part
of the "Descriptive Chorus" the
whole aspect of the choir changed—
they lost their poise and cheerful
looks—and fell into despondent
anxious attitudes. Why? Partly
because the key was more subdued
and so those who felt uncertain
were afraid to let their voices be
heard; but more one feels because
the sentiment of the songs, how-
ever laudable, did not really appeal
to show the sentimental side of
their natures or to pray in public,
except, of course, in correct time
and place—church.

Two American Pugilists.
Two American professional boxers
are now in the Colony looking for
a fight and have expressed their
willingness to meet anybody.
One of them is Joe Marks, who
is willing to be matched against
anyone scaling at 125 lbs. He ar-
rived here a few days ago from New
York and said that he had fought
in several good contests out there.
He said that he had boxed both
in Germany and in the United
States. He has even met the great
Johnny Hill. He defeated Jimmy
Freeda and Teddy Smacker, and
it will be remembered, that the
latter fought Pancho Villa to a
draw. Marks has also met Spencer
Gardner. He wants to meet the
Filipino pugilist, Kid Raymond, who
has been in the Colony for some
months looking for a fight.
The other leather-pusher is Battling
D'Arcy. He is a welterweight and
is willing to confront Leading Ses-
man Hall, of H.M.S. Tartar, who
has expressed his willingness to
meet any welterweight in the
Colony. D'Arcy has a long line of
successes to his credit and has come
straight from New Jersey.

THE CRISIS ON THE YANGTZE.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE ABOUT TO BEGIN AT HANKOW.

BRITISH LEGATION REPRESENTATIVE NOW ON THE SCENE.

MR. CHEN EXPLAINS TO THE "DAILY MAIL."

VIGOROUS COMMENT IN A PARIS PAPER.

CONCESSION COMMERCE STILL IN ABEYANCE.

With the arrival at Hankow of Mr. O'Malley, Counsellor at the British Legation, the much discussed conference between him and Mr. Eugene Chen will probably begin immediately. Meantime, the British have not resumed business in the Concession, though evidently the Nationalists are eager for them to do so.

The authorities do not now appear to have any difficulty in curbing the activities of the mob, who, however, seem to have shown resentment in the French and Japanese Concessions against certain barred-wire erections.

A Paris paper, it will be seen, has something to say, very much to the point regarding the situation.

The British Cabinet, yesterday afternoon, devoted their first meeting of the year to a discussion on the state of affairs in China.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW QUIET.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE ABOUT TO BEGIN.

BRITISH BANKS STILL CLOSED.

Rouen, Jan. 12th.

The Acting Counsellor of the British Legation at Peking, Mr. O'Malley, has now reached Hankow and is staying with the British Consul-General. His first duty will be to report upon the recent events and existing conditions. He will discuss the situation with Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister.

Sir Percival Phillips, the *Daily Mail* correspondent at Hankow, telegraphs that: "With Mr. O'Malley's arrival it is hoped that the delicate situation at Hankow has passed definitely from the phase of naval action to that of diplomatic negotiation for the settlement of grave issues raised by recent events." The British destroyers, H.M.S.S. *Wishart* and *Verity*, have joined the other naval vessels at Hankow. The situation is quiet there, and Mr. Chen has issued a drastic proclamation enjoining the population to refrain from all disorder and to stop all anti-British and anti-Christian movements during the time that negotiations are being carried on with Great Britain.

The British banks were still closed on Monday and the *Times* correspondent says the Chinese merchants were anxiously inquiring when they would open, fearing consequences, as the Chinese New Year settling-day approaches.

Shanghai Settlement.

From Shanghai, correspondents report that the Consular Body yesterday resolved to defend the Settlement against mob violence in whatever form. It is pointed out that whereas in other cases it may be possible to divorce the protection of life from the protection of concessions the size and importance of the Shanghai Settlement make such distinction impossible.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A QUEER AFFAIR.

THE BELGIAN CONSUL-GENERAL DETAINED AT POLICE STATION.

ARRESTS FOLLOW.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12th. From a Hankow telegram, sent by the Nationalist News Agency, it appears that the Belgian Consul suffered an unusual experience yesterday.

The telegram states that a Chinese businessman has been arrested on a charge of being responsible for the temporary detention of the Belgian Consul-General of Hankow at the Police Station, after having been hustled through the streets by coolies allegedly employed by the arrested man. The coolies have also been arrested. The case will come up before the Hankow Mixed Court.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND CHINA.

LONDON, Jan. 12th. The Cabinet meeting this afternoon will consider matters arising out of the situation in China. This is the first meeting of the Cabinet this year.

CUSTOMS SURTAX TO BE IMPOSED IN THE NORTH.

[FROM CHINESE SOURCES.]

SHANGHAI, January 12th. Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has telegraphed to the Peking Government that the imposition of the 2 per cent. surtax will begin on February 1st in Kiangsu, including Shanghai.

To Attack the Southern "Reds." Chang Chung-chang will return to Tsinan (capital of Shantung) after completing his arrangements with Chang Tso-lin for the general attack on the Southern "Reds."

French and Japanese Concessions "Rushed."

On the 11th instant, the French and Japanese Concessions at Hankow were rushed by a mob of several hundred including pickets and students and all barred-wire and railings were demolished. They were dispersed by Chinese soldiers.

To Clear Out the Southerners in Chekiang. General Mang Chao Yuet has reported to Marshal Sun to the effect that his troops are advancing to Yenchow and further south. It is expected that the "Red" invaders in Chekiang will soon be cleared out of that province.

Martial Law in Shanghai.

Martial Law has been declared in Shanghai prohibiting mass meetings, street orations, and parades. The Municipal Council has been in co-operation with Chinese authorities in Chinese districts for this purpose. — *Wah Tze Yat Po*.

British Warships on the Yangtze. SHANGHAI, January 12th. British residents in Hankow are asking their naval authorities not to open fire on the Chinese for fear of retribution. It is understood that among the Chinese that 8 British warships are now on their way up the Yangtze and these, which together with those already in the vicinity, will make 15 British warships on the spot.

On January 11th, a political parade was suppressed in Shanghai.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

The Hankow French Concession. A report was received in Hong Kong yesterday from a Chinese source, stating that a rather serious affair took place in the French Concession at Hankow yesterday. The report is, as yet, unconfirmed.

It is stated that a mob of about 200 Chinese, including students and strike pickets, rushed into the French Concession with the object of demolishing all the barred-wire barricades. They were eventually driven out by Chinese troops, and the Kuomintang authorities have since announced that no crowds will in future be allowed to enter the Concession and that all attempts at rioting will be sternly dealt with.

From the same source comes the news that everything was quiet in the British Concession yesterday, Mr. Eugene Chen being in direct charge of the situation.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

British Legation Representative. HANKOW, January 11th. Mr. St. C. O'Malley, the Counsellor to the British Legation at Peking, arrived at Hankow this morning. The Chinese inhabitants have been informed of the fact, and have been instructed to refrain from demonstrations or interference with foreigners whilst the discussions are in progress.

Looking At Kiangling.

KIANGLING, January 11th. Chinese soldiers of duty indulged in looting on a small scale in the British Concession to-day.

Ichang Quiet.

ICHANG, January 11th. The situation remains quiet.

At Changsha.

CHANGSHA, January 11th. The Seamen's Union went on strike to-day. A general strike and boycott has been organised to start on Friday, January 14th.

At Chungking.

CHUNGKING, January 11th. More women and children were evacuated to-day. All missionaries have been called in from the outlying districts.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The British Concessions. LONDON, January 11th. Reuter learns that, according to official telegrams from various parts of China, there appears to be a lull in the situation.

It is evident that Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese leader, is anxious that the Banks should re-open and that business should resume its normal course, as the Cantonese are short of money.

It is pointed out that the British have never withdrawn from Hankow, but that the position at Kiangling is somewhat different as the authorities there were subordinates and did not possess the same authority as Mr. Chen in Hankow. (Continued on next column.)

BRUTAL MURDER IN SHANGHAI.

AUTHORITIES REGARD THE CRIME AS "SIGNIFICANT."

ECHO OF THE MAY 30TH INCIDENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12th.

A Chinese foreman of the Shanghai Foreign Settlement Tramways, while driving in a ricksha this morning in a quiet part of the Settlement, was attacked by three Chinese, one of whom shot him dead.

The assailants escaped. The victim was the man who, following the May 30th affair, did more than anybody to get the Tramway services resumed and to keep the Chinese workers at their posts. For this reason, the authorities consider the crime more than ordinarily significant.

PEKING'S CABINET.

ADOPT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE'S ADVICE ON SURTAXES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Jan. 12th.

Peking's Cabinet met this morning and decided that Dr. Wellington Koo should remain Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Cabinet has also decided to issue a Mandate declaring the enforcement of the Washington Conference 2 per cent. surtaxes, and has instructed the Foreign Office to inform the Legations to that effect.

INDIANS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DELEGATION FULLY SATISFIED WITH THEIR EFFORTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CAPETOWN, Jan. 12th.

The Indians of Capetown bade farewell to the Indian delegation, which has been discussing the question of Indians in South Africa, at a social function in the City Hall. Mr. Sastri, in an address, stated that as the result of the Round Table Conference with the Union Government the Indian delegation now had every hope that the foundations of a perfect understanding had been laid, though the members of the delegation might not live to see the full fruition thereof. The delegation left South Africa with their hopes practically fulfilled and expectations raised of still more. If the Indians in South Africa "played the game" it would not be long before they got their due, even in the measure that they expected it.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES IN FUKIEN.

TROOPS SEIZE THEIR PROPERTY.

PEKING, Jan. 12th. Nationalist troops are seizing American mission property at Shao-wu and other parts of Fukien. The American authorities have ordered the missionaries to leave some places and prepare the immediate departure of others in Fukien.

There is not the slightest intention of giving up the Concession. Mr. Chen, hitherto, apparently, carried out his promises, as he has a fairly substantial measure of control. If the Cantonese are able to restore order at Hankow, they perhaps establish a Government with which it is possible to have relations.

Mr. O'Malley, the British charge d'affaires in Peking, is expected to arrive at Hankow to-day and to commence conversations with Mr. Chen. Mr. O'Malley represents Sir Miles Lampson, with the Cantonese and has the fullest instructions from London and from Peking.

British Consulate Flag.

HANKOW, January 11th. Agitators are again active and posters are appearing everywhere, reading "Down with Imperialism." This move is construed as an attempt to intimidate Mr. O'Malley, who arrived to-day, to enter into negotiations over the Concession. H.M.S. *Wishart* and H.M.S. *Verity* arrived this morning.

The flag of the British Consulate, which has not flown since the taking over of the Concession was re-hoisted this morning. The general position is the same as yesterday. General Chang Kai Shek is arriving at Wuchang, across the river from Hankow, to-morrow where a big demonstration of welcome has been arranged. He is going to Hankow to address a meeting of Chinese on the Race Course on Thursday. The Chinese authorities have ordered a two-days' holiday to celebrate his arrival.

SINCERE COMPANY'S WORKERS.

500 GO ON STRIKE.

SHARE-OWNING EMPLOYEES "CARRY ON."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Jan. 12th.

Five hundred employees of the Sincere Company went on strike this morning, but the store is carrying on with 200 employees, who own shares in the Company.

U.S. SHIPPING BOARD.

"IMPOSSIBLE" WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12th.

The United States Shipping Board has reported to the Senate that private operation of the American Merchant Marine will be impossible without a Government subsidy. This finding is based on the testimony of business interests taken at hearings held in 33 cities, which revealed the prevailing opinion that the Merchant Marine should be privately owned, but until this is possible, it should be maintained by the Federal Government.

MEXICO'S FERMENT.

CATHOLICS AND AUTHORITIES AGAIN CLASH.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 11th.

Twenty-one people are reported to have been killed and 10 wounded in an affray between Catholics and the Municipal authorities in the town of Cocula, in the State of Jalisco.

The Mayor and local deputy are among the killed in the Cocula affray. It appears that the municipal authorities opposed a religious demonstration, whereupon the Catholics attacked the municipal officials, employees and policemen. A regular battle ensued.

The Agrarians have decided to support President Calles' Message. A message from Torreon describes the disfigurement of a band of rebels whereof 2 were killed and 10 captured by Federal troops who summarily executed 9 prisoners, sparing the tenth who was an Octogenarian.

U.S. AND NICARAGUA.

MORE NEUTRAL ZONES.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11th. The *New York World*, commenting on President Coolidge's message regarding Nicaragua, says that when the President speaks of a series of gun-running incidents in Nicaragua as if it might develop into a *casus belli* with Nicaragua he is springing a most sudden surprise. We do not believe that this country is ready to go to war or even break off relations with one country because arms have left that country for another, neither of which are in our jurisdiction.

The *New York Times* foresees in the acts ordered by the United States the possibilities of unpleasant consequences, and hopes that the Administration will combine reasonableness with its display of strength, and thus find satisfactory and peaceful adjustments whether in Nicaragua or Mexico.

MASAGUA, Jan. 12th. The United States Naval forces have worked their way 60 miles up the Escondido River for the purpose of establishing a neutral zone in the interior. Another neutral zone is being prepared at the mouth of the Wawa River, which is the headquarters of many American mahogany companies.

BRITISH TRADE STATISTICS.

LONDON, Jan. 12th. The Board of Trade returns show that the imports for December were valued at £113,319,000 and exports at £29,707,000, being an increase of £18,000 and a decrease of £2,350,000, respectively, compared with November.

The figures for 1926 are:—Imports £129,953,000, exports £291,892,000, showing decreases of £77,831,000 and £291,488,000, respectively, compared with 1925.

SLAVERY ABOLISHED.

IN BALUCHISTAN.

DELHI, January 11th. The Government of India will soon report to the League of Nations the final abolition of slavery in Kalat State, Baluchistan, the Administration of which has been handed over to the Khan of Kalat, who has decreed that henceforth no man, woman or child shall be sold, bought, gifted or inherited, nor forcibly separated from his or her kin.

FRENCH POLITICS.

NEW PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

PARIS, January 11th. The Socialist, M. Fernand Bonis, has been elected President of the Chamber, in succession to M. Raoul Peret, who has been elected a Senator.

IS NORWAY TIRED OF PROHIBITION?

A NEW GOVERNMENT BILL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

OSLO, Jan. 12th.

A Bill has been introduced by the Government abolishing the liquor prohibition. It authorises the sale of liquor in towns where last year's plebiscite showed against the Prohibition majority, but individual purchasers will require a municipal license, which will be withdrawn, if abused.

THE CINEMA TRAGEDY.

SAD SCENES IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 11th.

The somber tones of "Le Gros Bourdon," which is only told in times of national grief, rang from the tower of Notre Dame Church, while the funeral service was held in a neighbouring church of 36 children killed in the cinema disaster.

The service was attended by thousands, including a representative of the Governor-General, Lord Willington. There were pitiful scenes of sorrowing, the multitude filing past the long rows of little white coffins, flanking the main aisle.

Meanwhile, one Montreal home still endures the agony of suspense. Louis Tremblay, aged 13, who went to the fatal cinema, is still missing. Anxious parents have visited every hospital and finally the mortuary, where they peered fruitlessly at 78 smoke-blackened little faces. A careful search of the debris has failed to reveal any trace of the burned body.

Authorities' Decree.

MONTREAL, Jan. 12th. As the result of the cinema disaster, the city authorities have ordered that all theatres presenting stage features of any kind must be equipped with the same fire prevention aids as legitimate houses, including automatic sprinklers and asbestos curtain within 24 hours. At least 10 theatres, presenting specialties in connection with a cinema programme, have been forced to delete the stage acts.

MALAYA'S NEW G.O.C.

LONDON, Jan. 12th.

The War Office announces the appointment of Major-General Straubenzee as General Officer Commanding Malaya vice Major-General Sir T. Fraser. Major-General Van Straubenzee, C.B., C.M.G., was born in 1867. Prof. R.M.C. Canada, 1868-1903; Instructor, School of Gunnery, 1900-19; served in Ashanti, 1895-96 (Star); European War, 1914-18 (despatches four times).

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

CINEMA FILMS.

NON-INFLAMMABLE VARIETY INVENTED.

ROUEN, Jan. 12th. The *Westminster Gazette* states that Mr. Malabar, who is a Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society, has, after fourteen years' experimental work, invented a non-inflammable cinematograph film.

BRITISH UNEMPLOYED.

INCREASE AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

ROUEN, Jan. 12th. The latest weekly unemployment return discloses an increase of 144,000 in the number of out of work and although this is traceable to the Christmas holiday, it is generally agreed that the reduction of unemployment has been less rapid since the collapse of the coal strike than was expected. Experts, however, declare that within the next few months, when results of recent re-organisation of industries are apparent, a substantial reduction of unemployment will take place.

THE "DIVINE WILLIAM."

FRESH MEMORIALS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

ROUEN, Jan. 12th. A scheme embracing the preservation of the 15th Century Clopton Bridge at Stratford-on-Avon and the erection on a new site of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, to replace the one destroyed by fire last year, is under the consideration of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

THE "FLU" IN EUROPE.

L.O.N.'S SPECIAL BULLETINS.

ROUEN, Jan. 12th. The first of the special bulletins regarding the European influenza epidemic, being issued by the health section of the League of Nations, is reassuring. Reports from Belgium, Germany, Great Britain and Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland all indicate that the attacks are of short duration and are not exceptionally severe. In Britain, the Health Ministry states that the incidence and mortality are normal for the time of the year.

TENDER-HEARTED "MA" FERGUSON.

ISSUES 3,177 PARDONS DURING TWO YEAR'S GOVERNORSHIP.

AUTHORITIES EMBARRASSED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 12th.

As the only known means of stemming the flood of pardons which the woman Governor of Texas, "Ma" Ferguson, has been issuing, all criminal cases here have been suspended for a week until her term of office expires. Thirty-two pardons were announced to-day, making the total during her two years' term of office 3,177.

GERMAN BANK RATE.

BERLIN, January 11th. The Reichsbank has reduced the rate of discount from six to five per cent.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

BRITAIN'S TAXATION.

EFFECT ON TRADE AND NATIONAL CREDIT.

AN IMPORTANT REPORT EXPECTED.

RUEN, January 11th. Publication is expected shortly of the report of the Committee under the presidency of Lord Colwyn which was appointed by the late Labour Government to examine the effect of the existing taxation on trade and national credit.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Parliamentary correspondent says the report will be an important document. It is estimated by the Treasury that the amount of expenditure per head of the population for National Debt service reaches the high figure of £82/10d. and the report discusses the results of this heavy burden in relation to the prosperity of the country.

A Majority Report, it is gathered, will be found to recommend the adoption of a more vigorous scheme of debt conversion, which would take full advantage of market and other conditions.

There is a Minority Report by the Labour representatives on the Committee, and its chief feature of interest will probably be, says the correspondent, the acknowledgment more or less direct that a capital levy is no longer a practicable proposition. The view is that a levy could have been made at some period but that, owing to the length of time which has elapsed, it is not now possible specially to distinguish fortunes made during the war years. The Minority Report, it is said, suggests that the scheme of death duties should be remodelled and that there should be a special tax on great incomes for a fixed number of years, with the proceeds earmarked for debt reduction.

NO ANTI-FOREIGN FEELING IN KWANGSI PROVINCE.

ROUEN, January 11th. A wireless message received by the local naval authorities from H.M.S. *Cicala*, now at Wuchow, states that the Civil Governor at Wuchow is satisfied that the labour troubles are practically over. There is no anti-foreign feeling in the province.

The Alliance Mission at Wuchow informed the commander of the *Cicala* that all missionaries were safe and that there was no need for fear on their behalf.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK AT LA PALMAS.

ROUEN, January 11th. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York received an enthusiastic welcome when they landed at Las Palmas (Canary Islands).

Their Royal Highnesses were received by the Spanish Governor and other notabilities and afterwards motored through beflagged streets to Queen Victoria Hospital, which they inspected. Later they visited the British Seamen's Institute and British Club.

When landing, the Duke and Duchess had an unpleasant experience, the Royal barge tossing badly in the swell which it was feared at one time would prevent disembarkation altogether. However, the sea moderated sufficiently to enable the programme to be carried out.

Owing to unfavourable weather, the dinner on H.M.S. *Benbow* to be given to the authorities, was cancelled.

AUSTRALIA'S FIRST AIRCRAFT FACTORY.

ROUEN, January 11th. Major de Havilland and two assistants have left England for Australia to establish the first aircraft factory there.

The factory which will be near Melbourne and will build "small" Moth machines and all their spare parts sufficient to equip the factory will be sent out to Australia, but it is hoped later to dispense with the imports of machinery and parts and ultimately to organise an Australian service which will provide for all the materials necessary for manufacturing Moth aeroplanes.

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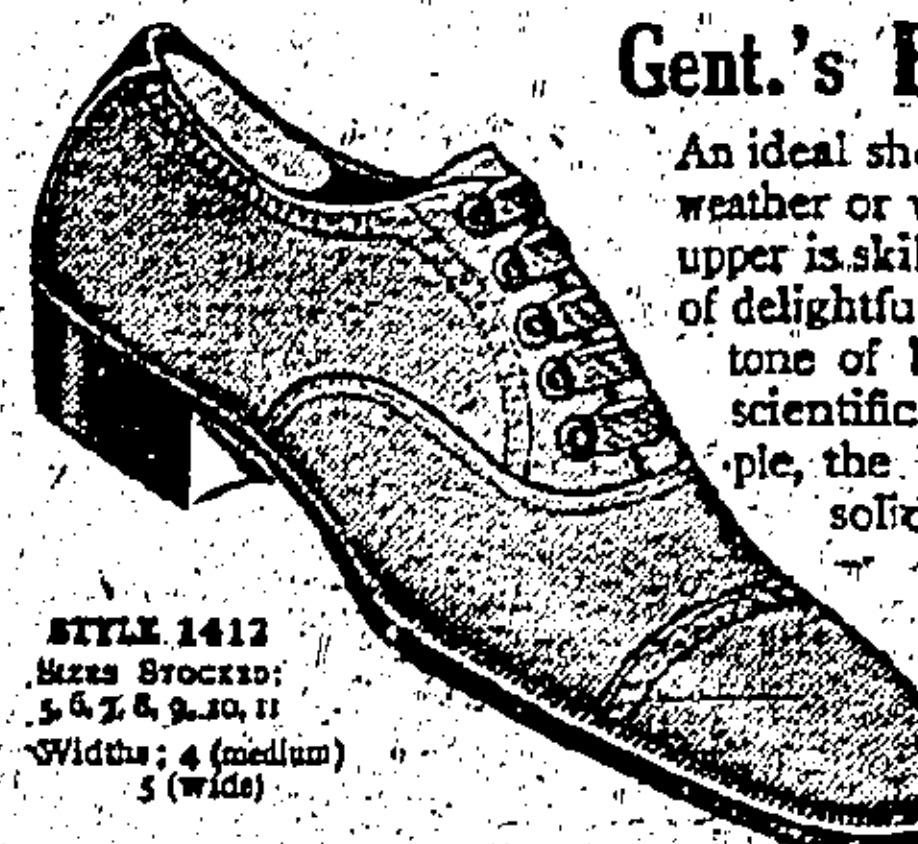
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FOOTBALL.

HONG KONG INTERPORT TEAM CHOSEN.

The Council of the H.K.F.A. met last evening for the purpose of selecting the team to represent the Colony against Shanghai in the coming Interport game. The following were selected:—

A. E. Clarke (Police), Wynne (Police) and Bishop (H.K.F.C. Captain); Hudson (Police), Simma (Kowloon, Vice Captain) and Lam Yuk Ying (China Athletic); Tso Kwai Sing and Suen Kum Shun (China Athletic), Gosano (Club de Recreio), McGlinchey (K.O.S.B.'s) and Brown (Club de Recreio).

Reserves:—Howard (H.K. Club), McKelvie (Kowloon), C. F. Remedios (Club de Recreio), Brittain (Police) and Chan Kwong Ju (China Athletic). The above team will turn out in a practice game on Wednesday next on the H.K.F.C. ground. Kick off, 4.30 p.m.

The team and Reserves will turn out for practice on Monday next on the H.K.F.C. ground at 4.45 p.m.

The Officials.

The following Officials have been appointed for the games against Shanghai:—

Interport Match:—Hong Kong v. Shanghai, Wednesday, February 2nd, Mr. J. W. Baldwin.

United Services v. Shanghai, Thursday, February 3rd, Mr. Phillips, R.N.

China v. Shanghai, Saturday, February 5th, Mr. A. A. Dawes.

These three will take the lines on the days they are not officiating as referees.

Shanghai Interport Team.

Information has been received that the Shanghai Interport team will leave that port by the *President Harrison* sailing on the 23rd instant and due in Hong Kong on or about the 31st. The following have been selected to play against Hong Kong: Tetstall, J. B. Brown and Lau; Hurry, Gash (Captain) and Plice; Baxter, C. N. Brown, Collazo, Lee Wai Tong and Chen.

Reserves:—Wilson, Crawford and A. N. Other.

For the first time, the visitors will include Chinese players. Lee Wai Tong, who formerly played for South China is coming with the team. When in Hong Kong he was the most effective forward playing at the time.

INTERPORT PRACTICE GAME.

Hong Kong 3, China 0.

The practice game yesterday on the H.K.F.C. ground between Hong Kong and China ended in a win for the former by three clear goals. Ip Kau, at inside right for China was a passenger after the first five minutes thereby greatly handicapping his side. The first half was blank. The score opened from a scrimmage in the China goalmouth, following a well placed long kick by Tso Kwai Sing. Pau Ka Ping had turned the ball out a couple of times but it was sent back eventually going over the line off a China defender. Gosano scored the second with a powerful drive that beat Pau Ka Ping all the way, while McKelvie got his head to a centre from Brown and guided the ball into the net. McKelvie scored early in the second half but the point was disallowed. Always lying handy, McKelvie gave Yau an anxious time. Brittain partnered Brown in the absence of McGlinchey. Pau Ka Ping kept a splendid goal and although at the finish his side was three goals down, he could not be blamed for any of them. Hong Kong team showed good combination in the second half and the score in the second half quite reflects their superiority in this portion of the game.

UNITED SERVICES FOOTBALL.

K.O.S.B.'s 1, "Hermes" 0.

On the Sookunpoo ground yesterday, The Borderers won the replay in the semi-final of the senior competition of the United Services and will now meet the winners of the R.A. v. H.M.S. *Hawkins* match in the final. Stokes scored the only qualifying goal of the match although the Rev. Alexander scored one that was disallowed. The *Hermes* failed to convert from a penalty awarded against Gear, Gland sending well over the bar. The sailors should have levelled up before the interval, but will shooting spoilt several good openings.

CHINESE TEAM FROM SHANGHAI.

EXPECTED AT NEW YEAR.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

A football team from Shanghai, representing the East China Division of the Chinese National Amateur Athletic Federation, is expected at Hong Kong sometime during the Chinese New Year holidays to play the South China Division. The South China Athletic Federation with Hong Kong as its

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YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY.

CLUB BEAT THE ARMY.

NAVY WIN SIM SHIELD.

The last match in the Sim Shield Competition was played on the United Services Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon between the Army and the Club. After a keenly fought game, the Club won by the odd goal in seven.

At half time both teams were level with one goal each. Just after the interval, the Army put on another goal bringing the score to 2-1 in their favour but the Club rallied and after some very fine play scored three goals, making the score 4-2 in their favour. The Army managed to score another goal, but the Club prevented them from doing anything further, and as a result of the match the Army lost the trophy.

The goal scorers were: For the Club: Owen Hughes (8), Slipper (1) and Wheeler (1). For the Army: Capt. Dobbie (3).

As a result of the Army losing this match, the Navy win the Sim Shield, and this was presented to Commander Ling (the Captain of their team) at the conclusion of the match.

Mrs. Sim who made the presentation, was briefly introduced by Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell (Captain of the Hong Kong Hockey Club team), and after the presentation, three cheers were given for Mrs. Sim on the call of Commander Ling.

The final readings of the points secured by the three competitors show that the Navy have five points; the Army four points; and the Club three points. In the competition, the Navy defeated the Army once, the Club once, and drew with the Club; the Army have defeated the Navy once and the Club once; and the Club have drawn with the Navy and defeated the Army once.

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S MATCH.

At the Kowloon Cricket Club ground to-day, commencing at 2 p.m., the usual mid-week match will be played, the Kowloon Cricket Club meeting H.M.S. *Hermes* for the third time. Each team has one win to its credit.

Indian R.O. 2nd XI v. Club de Recreio.

This League match will be played on the Club Recreio ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 15th.

I.R.C.:—Sirdar Khan (captain), J. S. Aekker, M. P. Madar, S. A. R. Ismail, V. T. Mans, A. S. Ismail, A. K. Minu, A. R. Minu, S. D. Ismail, A. S. Sufiad, and D. Mohamad.

LONDON MAGISTRATE'S SIXTH CONVICTION.

CONDEMN'S CARELESS PEDESTRIANS.

Mr. Ivan Edward Snell, the Metropolitan stipendiary magistrate who sits at North London and lives at Sussex-square, Hyde Park, W., was recently fined \$4 at Kingston-on-Thames for exceeding the motor-car speed limit on the Portsmouth road, at Cobham, on a Sunday afternoon. The police stated that his speed over a measured control was 40 miles 314 yards an hour. Mr. Snell sent a letter to the justices in which, according to the chairman, Lieut-Col. J. S. Hepworth, he admitted travelling at 32 miles an hour.

Inspector Gooby said that there were five previous convictions under the Motor-car Act against Mr. Snell, dating from 1911, the last being in 1924 for exceeding the speed limit.

Mr. Snell, when hearing a motoring case at the North London court remarked:

"Pedestrians, I do not think, are ever summoned for walking in the street in a manner dangerous to the public, but every motorist knows that half of the troubles and dangers and half of the accidents are caused by the careless walking of pedestrians."

centre of activities has asked the South China Athletic Association and the Chinese Amateur Athletic Association, to assist the Federation in making arrangements for the entertainment of the Shanghai visitors and to select a team to represent South China against East China. This, it is believed, will be the first interport game between Shanghai and Hong Kong Chinese to be played in Hong Kong. Last year the South China Athletic Association sent a team up to Shanghai, and the team coming next month will be playing more or less as a return match.

The South China Athletic Federation met last evening and called the Shanghai team to come on or about the second week of February.

ALLEGED THEFT OF 36 CARS.

SIX MEN AND A GIRL DANCER.

A fleet of 36 motor-cars alleged to have been stolen was parked at a police station at Derby recently, and viewed by local magistrates in connection with the charge against a girl dancer and six men of conspiring to steal and receive the cars. All except three of the cars are of a popular British make.

Mr. T. H. Bishop, solicitor, for the Public Prosecutor, suggested that two of the accused a man named Levy and the woman prisoner, Queenie Wade, had been associated in the theft of the cars for which they found a market in the Derby district after altering the number-plates and registered the cars as new under different names.

It had been urged by Storer, another of the gang, said Mr. Bishop, that Levy had represented some of the motor-cars as demonstrations models, as against which it would be shown that they were registered as privately owned. The prices at which they were disposed of ranged from £50 to £150.

Although Parker, another defendant, sold several of the cars, his banking account contained no record, and it was alleged that he had been heard to say that he was afraid Levy would be caught, as he had, been working Derby too long.

A statement attributed to Storer, who handled 18 cars and paid for only two by cheque, was that "it was funny where Levy got them." One of the accused, Durose, had represented that he took the motor-cars in payment of debts.

The hearing was adjourned.

LONDON SQUARES IN DANGER.

THE ONLY SPACE FOR 6,000 CHILDREN.

If Covent Garden Market is moved, as proposed, to the site of the Foundling Hospital, Bloomsbury, W.C., some 6,000 children in Holborn and St. Pancras will be deprived of their only open space.

No wonder, says the *Daily Mail*, that people all over London are joining in the protests against the conversion of this estate, which includes not only the hospital grounds but also Brunswick and Mecklenburgh squares.

There are several hospitals in the vicinity of the Foundling estate, including the children's hospital in Great Ormond-street and the Royal Free Hospital in Gray's Inn-road. These would be deprived of air and light and sunshine if a great market with its streets of warehouses replaced the grass and trees. There are also 12 schools near the Foundling site.

Open-Air Classes.

The secretary of the Tuberculosis Care Committee of the Holborn Public Health authority said that the Foundling estate was the only spot in the borough or near it where an open-air class could be held.

Letters of protest against the conversion of the estate have been coming from all parts of the country. Several letters have been received from people in Boston, Massachusetts, offering funds to the cause which is fighting to protect the place, their fathers and grandfathers knew well.

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A valuable piece of evidence of Roman London has been destroyed by workmen excavating the site of Birch's famous eating-house in Cornhill.

A few feet below the ground level a portion of Roman wall, 25 feet long, 3 feet high, and 4 feet thick was discovered. One of the rooms of Birch's was built across the top of this wall.

By accident news of the find came to the knowledge of two archaeologists. They hurried to the site and found that workmen had cut right through the wall, the whole of which was destroyed.

This wall was of particular archaeological value, because it probably joined a big fragment of wall discovered under Lombard Street in 1786.

It is believed that it was part of a very big building.

The wall was built of Kentish clay with two courses of bricks. Among the relics of early Roman times were unearthed in the old Post Office site in St. Martin's-le-Grand the Postmaster-General has given to the Guildhall Museum 475 Roman pieces of pottery of the "Tre-Roman" type. They represent the transition period from the British to the Roman era. Hitherto this kind of pottery has not been recognised in London.

the Degree of Bachelor of
Agricultural Science was conferred
on Miss Edith Gertrude Knight,
of Bruton, Somerset, at Liverpool
University, recently. This Univer-
sity is the first of the British Univer-
sities which grants this Degree, and Miss
Knight is the first woman in the
country of whom it has been con-
ferred. Seven years ago Miss
Knight took a diploma in agricul-
ture at Reading University. After
working on a farm at Wycombe,
Bucks, she entered Liverpool Uni-
versity and qualified two years ago
I.P.C.V.

Further reductions in the prices of motor-car tyres may, indeed, be expected early in the New Year, says the motoring correspondent of the *Daily Mail*. These will mark a new development in the tyre price war that is taking place between British and foreign manufacturers.

British tyre manufacturers view the present situation with a certain amount of anxiety and even alarm. Figures for October show that no fewer than 120,000 foreign outer covers were imported free of tax into this country, mainly from France, Italy, and the United States. The total for the same month last year was 77,000. It is estimated that every imported tyre would have meant the loss of one man's work for one British workman. It is probable that British makers will shortly make a further appeal for protection under the Safeguarding of Industries Act. They point out that while almost every foreign manufacturer of a motor-car is taxed, in our motor horns and tyres which Britain can make and make well are allowed free access to this country.

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A grainy, black and white photograph of a large steamship, likely the USS Oregon, sailing on the water. The ship is viewed from the side, showing its hull, masts, and a single prominent smokestack. The image is framed by a thick black border.

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SAIGON "CHANGCHOW"	On 14th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 14th Jan.	3 p.m.
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SHANGHAI "KANGTUNG"	On 15th Jan.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 16th Jan.	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK "KALGAN"	On 16th Jan.	Noon.
AMOI & SHANGHAI "SOOCHOW"	On 19th Jan.	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	On 19th Jan.	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 20th Jan.	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI "SUICHANG"	On 20th Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	On 22nd Jan.	6 a.m.
TSINGTAO & DALNY "YINGCHOW"	On 23rd Jan.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE "KIUNGCHOW"	On 23rd Jan.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	On 24th Jan.	8 a.m.

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S.S. "CITY OF JOHANNESBURG"	Via Suez Canal	25th February.
S.S. "PELEUS"	Via Suez Canal	11th March.
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ARRIVALS.

January 11th.
Borneo, British str., 1,397 tons, Capt. E. A. Frichard, from Haiphong, with coal, cement and general cargo amounting to 450 tons, lying at buoy No. 450.
Kojima Maru, Japanese str., 1,305 tons, Capt. B. Uyehara, from Port Arthur, which port she left on January 5th, with 1,600 tons of coal, lying at buoy No. B50.
—M.B.K.

Tok Hing, Chinese str., 165 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Antau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.
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January 12th.
Hui Hong, British str., 1,201 tons, Capt. Ellis Walker, from Fochow via Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hozumi Maru, Japanese str., 2,320 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, with merchandise and coal, amounting to 1,100 tons, lying at O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,618 tons, Capt. D. Williams, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.
—B. & S.

Tsunbun Maru, Japanese str., 3,556 tons, Capt. C. Hideshima, from Yokohama via Shanghai. The latter port she left on January 9th, with 538 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.
—N.Y.K.

CLEARANCES.

January 12th.
Chinhua, for Bangkok.
Hui Yang, for Singapore.
Kojun Maru, for Canton.
Kankella, for Balik Papan.
Sinkiang, for Canton.
Tsunbun Maru, for Singapore.
Tasachuan, for Los Angeles.
Tiankoku, for Mantok.
Viduanus, for Haiphong.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Kobe yesterday and leaves to-day, being due at Yokohama to-morrow.

THE CHINA COAST.

CHANGES IN OFFICER PERSONNEL.

The following are the latest changes in officer personnel on the China Coast:—
Capt. A. F. Summerfield, of the *Kanchow*, is on reserve.
Capt. W. Lumsden, of the *Soochow*, has gone master, *Kanchow*.
Capt. S. M. Barling, from Home leave, has gone master, *Hanyang*.
Capt. J. B. Bruce, of the *Hanyang*, is on reserve.

Mr. E. Griffith, second officer, *Antung*, has gone second officer, *King Yuan*.
Mr. E. H. Mutton, second officer, *King Yuan*, has gone second officer, *Antung*.
Mr. J. W. Bertram, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Fatshan*.
Mr. J. Scarr, second engineer, *Fatshan*, is on Home leave.

Mr. W. J. Dinnen, sup'y chief engineer, *Kwanchow*, is on Home leave.
Mr. W. T. Anderson, sup'y second engineer, *Kwanchow*, has gone acting second engineer, *Huichow*.
Mr. R. S. Sinclair, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Kiangsu*.
Mr. D. H. Maxwell, second engineer, *Kiangsu*, has gone second engineer, *Sunning*.
Mr. G. E. Judge, from reserve, has gone third engineer, *Kiangsu*.
Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, second engineer, *Chinhua*, has gone second engineer, *Anhui*.

Mr. G. I. Angus, second engineer, *Anhui*, has gone second engineer, *Chinhua*.
Mr. J. McBride, sup'y second engineer, *Shantung*, has gone sup'y second engineer, *Neuchowang*.
Mr. W. S. Sharp, third engineer, *Neuchowang*, has gone third engineer, *Kwanchow*.
Mr. A. W. Norris, third engineer, *Kwanchow*, is on reserve.

Mr. H. C. McKenna, from reserve, has gone second engineer, *Chungking*.
Mr. D. J. Jones, second officer, *Sunguo*, is on Home leave.
Mr. E. J. A. Porter, chief officer, *Fausang*, is on reserve.

Mr. J. D. Thwaites, from Home leave, has gone second officer, *Loonguo*.
Mr. D. D. Smith, from reserve, has gone second officer, *Fausang*.
Mr. G. G. Patterson, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, *Hop-sang*.

Mr. W. I. Donald, from reserve, has gone third engineer, *Loonguo*.
Mr. H. A. Squire, third engineer, *Loonguo*, has gone acting second engineer, *Tsingtau*.
Mr. T. C. Malcolm, second engineer, *Tsingtau*, is on reserve.

Mr. C. A. Hille has been appointed chief officer, *Borneo*.
Mr. R. A. Frichard, chief officer, *Borneo*, has gone master, same ship.
Mr. C. R. Benstead, chief officer, *Kwanchow*, has resigned.

Mr. T. Ogier has been appointed chief officer, *Kwanchow*.
Capt. S. Bell-Smith, from Home leave, has gone master, *Lungshan*.
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COMING TO HONG KONG.

HONG KONG RESIDENTS RETURNING ON P. & O. STEAMERS.

Many Hong Kong residents are included in the advance lists of passengers booked on P. & O. steamers which are due to arrive here in the course of January and February.

The "Kashgar."

On the *Kashgar*, which left London on Dec. 10th, and is due here about the 19th or 20th of this month, there are:—Mr. S. Aherne, Mr. G. H. Bond, Mrs. Bruce, Miss Bruce, Mr. B. C. J. Buckridge, Mr. G. Crist, Mr. D. C. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Davidson and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. de Villiers, Miss S. H. de Villiers, Mr. and Mrs. G. Duffin, Miss Duffin, Pte. J. W. A. Franklin, Mr. H. George, Pte. H. W. Hawkins, F/O. C. John, R.A.F., Dr. and Mrs. W. Kilpatrick, Mr. J. Roy, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mather, Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray, Mr. N. H. Procter, Mr. W. Robertson, Major C. T. M. Smith, Mr. R. S. R. Swan, Mr. E. L. Spratt, Mr. W. McI. Smith, Smith, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Miss Taylor, Capt. and Mrs. E. C. O. Thompson, Mr. S. Trivaskis, Miss E. Williams, and Mr. L. Walton.

The "Mantua."

On the *Mantua*, which left London on December 31st, the passengers for Hong Kong include:—Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Bennett, Capt. W. J. Booker, Mr. D. E. Clark, Mr. E. B. Cubey, Mr. W. Cox, Miss M. Dewing, Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, Mr. T. H. Fraser, Miss M. Faber, Mr. and Mrs. G. Gibson and four children, Mrs. Hargreaves-Brown and two children, Mr. F. C. Herb, Mr. A. S. Hersey, Mr. M. T. Johnson, Mrs. O. Jeffery and two children, Mr. A. P. Kirsop, Mr. and Mrs. D. Macneil, two Misses Macneil, Master Macneil, Mrs. Macpherson, Mr. Jas. McKenna, Eng.-Capt. W. H. Mitchell, R.N., Mrs. Mitchell and two children, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Murgatroyd and child, Mr. Duncan Paterson, Mrs. D. M. Richards and child, Mrs. Saunders, Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Miss E. S. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Wood and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wattie and child, Mr. L. R. Whant, and Mr. C. Young.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *Hai Hong*, from Foochow via Amoy and Swatow, on January 12th.—Mr. J. A. Macdowell, Mrs. T. A. Macdowell, Mr. G. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ford and Miss Ford, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. S. Kay, Mr. J. Thun, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Hutchison.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.30 p.m. stated:—
The anti-cyclone has further weakened and has commenced to move eastward.
Local forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate, fine.

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SINGAPORE & PENANG	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 14th Jan., at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Saturday, 15th Jan., at 8 a.m.
CANTON	"KWAISANG"	Sunday, 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday, 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
BANGKOK	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday, 18th Jan., at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via MOI & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Wednesday, 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWAISANG"	Wednesday, 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"YATSHING"	Sunday, 23rd Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Tuesday, 25th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"FOOSHING"	Wednesday, 26th Jan., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"KUMSANG"	Wednesday, 26th Jan., at 3 p.m.
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"GLENAPE"	... 3rd Mar.	Lidon, B'dam, & H'burg, via Oran.	
"GLENDACE"	... 20th Mar.	"GLENOBLE"	... 9th March
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SHANGHAI	Osaka ...	13th Jan.
SHANGHAI	Nanning ...	13th Jan.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN, SHANGHAI & LONDON via CANADA (London, 10th Dec., 1926) ...	Emp. of Russia ...	14th Jan.
EUROPE via NEAPOLITAN (letters only, London, 10th Dec.) ...	Talanda ...	14th Jan.
MANILA	Free. Cleveland ...	14th Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN, SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SIBERIA ...	Suez Maru ...	14th Jan.
EUROPE via SIBERIA ...	Free. Madison ...	14th Jan.
EUROPE via NEAPOLITAN (papers only, London, 10th Dec., 1926) ...	Hong Hwa ...	16th Jan.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI ...	Free. Garfield ...	17th Jan.
SHANGHAI	Angers ...	18th Jan.
JAPAN	Act. Maru ...	18th Jan.
MANILA	Emp. of Russia ...	19th Jan.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA ...	Free. Maru ...	20th Jan.
SHANGHAI	Kashmir ...	21st Jan.
MANILA	Free. Madison ...	22nd Jan.
STRAITS	Kilwa Maru ...	24th Jan.
JAPAN	Fushimi Maru ...	25th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Hainan and Haiphong ...	Tsun ...	Thursday, 13th, 10.30 A.M.
Java via Batavia ...	Tjauw ...	11.30 A.M.
Bandan ...	Chiang ...	12.30 P.M.
Bangkok ...	Chinba ...	2.30 P.M.
Haiphong ...	Phan Penh ...	3.30 P.M.
Swatow ...	Changchow ...	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Kow Maru ...	5.00 P.M.
Tourane ...	Devanayya ...	Friday, 14th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow ...	Nou ...	11.30 A.M.
Swatow ...	Sinkang ...	1.30 P.M.
St. Paul ...	Yuenan ...	1.30 P.M.
Hainan and Haiphong ...	Yung ...	5.00 P.M.
Amoy ...	Free. Maru ...	5.00 P.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 25th Jan. ...	Taipei ...	8.45 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13th Feb. ...	Rakyo Maru ...	10.00 A.M.
Japan ...	Tonkin ...	2.30 P.M.
Haiphong ...	Kwangtung ...	2.30 P.M.
Amoy ...	Emp. of Russia ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *Canada, U.S.A., O & S America & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 9th Feb., 1927, & EUROPE via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only) ...	Free. Cleveland ...	4.15 P.M.
Manila ...	Emp. of Russia ...	5.00 P.M.
Swatow ...	Emp. of Russia ...	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa ...	Huan Maru ...	Sunday, 15th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok ...	Kailan ...	9.00 A.M.
Seigon and South Africa ...	Manila Maru ...	Monday, 17th, 10.30 A.M.
Manila ...	Free. Garfield ...	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Fuchow ...	Hai Ning ...	Tuesday, 18th, 1.00 P.M.
Bangkok ...	Hainan ...	1.30 P.M.
Seigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 10th Feb. ...	Angers ...	1.45 P.M.
Swatow ...	Kwaiang ...	2.30 P.M.

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OPENING QUOTATIONS.

January 12th, 1927.

On London ...	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/11 9/16
Bank Bills, at 90 days sight ...	1/11 1/2
Bank Bills, at 6 months sight ...	1/11 1/2
Credit, at 6 months sight ...	2/0 9/16
Documentary Bills, at 6 months sight ...	2/0 11/16
On Paris ...	1/180
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1/180
On New York ...	47 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ...	47 1/2
On Bombay ...	130 1/2
Telegraphic Transfer ...	130 1/2
On Calcutta ...	130 1/2
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On Shanghai ...	130 1/2
Bank Bills, at sight ...	130 1/2
Private, 30 days sight ...	130 1/2
On Yokohama ...	97
On Manila ...	94
On Singapore ...	84 1/2
On Batavia ...	118 1/2
On Haiphong ...	118 1/2
On Saigon ...	118 1/2
On Bangkok ...	95 1/2
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On Bombay ...	95 1/2
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application. Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [23]

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Paid-up Capital ... Frs. 65,000,000.00

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BRANCHES: Bangkok, Hanoi, Pondicherry, Saigon, Shanghai, Singapore, Siam, Yunnan.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

A. LECOT, Manager. Hong Kong, 20th March, 1924. [32]

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid up ... Yen 100,000,000

Reserve Fund ... Yen 30,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT: Alexandria, Hankow, Bangkok, Batavia, Kaitum, Saigon, Bombay, Karachi, Soerabaya, Buenos Aires, Kobe, San Francisco, Lyons, London, Cebu, Manila, Singapore, Shanghai, Siam, Yunnan, Yokohama.

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Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

H. MORI, Manager. Hong Kong, 7th Dec., 1922. [35]

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5, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.

HEAD OFFICE: 74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital ... Frs. 20,000,000

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BRANCHES: Paris, Lyons, Hongkong, Shanghai, Tientsin, Canton, Hankow, Peking, Soerabaya, Batavia, Kaitum, Saigon, Bombay, Karachi, Soerabaya, Buenos Aires, Kobe, San Francisco, Lyons, London, Cebu, Manila, Singapore, Shanghai, Siam, Yunnan, Yokohama.

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A. ROLLIN, Manager. Hong Kong, 2nd December, 1925.

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